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Diocese of Massachusetts.

**SEVENTY-FIRST
ANNUAL CONVENTION.**

M DCCC LXI.




By vote of the Convention of 1860 the following resolutions, passed in the Convention of 1858, were ordered to be printed on the cover of the Journal: —

The following resolutions were offered by Mr. Hilliard :

Whereas the Journals of this Convention for many years past show, that a large number of the Lay Delegates elected have not attended the sittings of the Convention :

Voted, That the Convention earnestly recommend to the several Parishes to have regard in the election of Delegates to the probability of their being able and willing actually to serve in that capacity, and so far as practicable, in connection with such election, to require their assurance that they will attend the Convention, unless prevented by some unforeseen and insuperable obstacle.

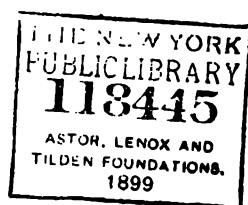
Voted, That this Convention urge upon all persons, who may be elected Delegates as aforesaid, the great importance and the serious obligation of discharging the duty which is thus imposed upon them.



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OF THE
SEVENTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION
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Diocese of Massachusetts,
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*Boston, Wednesday, May 8, 1861, }  
Trinity Church. }*

THIS being the time and place appointed for the meeting of the seventy-first annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Massachusetts, the Rt. Rev. the Bishop, with several of the Clergy and Lay Delegates, assembled in Trinity Church, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Morning prayer was read by the Rev. Thomas H. Vail, D. D., Rector of St. Thomas's Church, Taunton.

The Ante-Communion Service was read by the Bishop, assisted in the Epistle by the Rev. Winslow W. Sever, Rector of St. Mary's Church, Newton.

The annual Sermon was then delivered by the Rev. Nicholas Hoppin, D. D., Rector of Christ Church, Cambridge, from the text, 2 Cor. v. 14 and 15: "*For the love of Christ constraineth us, because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: And that he died for all, that they which live, should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him that died for them, and rose again.*"

After which, at the Offertory, which was read by the Rev. Winslow W. Sever, a collection was made for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen of the Diocese. The Holy Communion was then administered to the Clergy, and to several of the Laity, by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Winslow W. Sever.

The Congregation having retired, the Chair was taken by



the Bishop, and the following list of Clergymen entitled to seats in the Convention was called over by the Secretary :—

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| Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D.D.                         |                               |
| The Rev. Nathan'l G. Allen, The Rev. Wm. Horton, D.D., |                               |
| " Benj. B. Babbitt,                                    | " F.D. Huntington, D.D.,      |
| " Sam'l B. Babcock,                                    | " S. Russel Jones,            |
| " Wm. R. Babcock,                                      | " <i>Cyrus F. Knight,</i>     |
| " Alfred L. Baury,                                     | " Thos. R. Lambert,           |
| " Henry H. Bean,                                       | " John V. Lewis,              |
| " Jas. A. Bolles, D.D.,                                | " Arthur Mason,               |
| " <i>Jas. J. Bowden,</i>                               | " Chas. Mason, D.D.,          |
| " John T. Burrill,                                     | " G. H. McKnight,             |
| " H. Burroughs, Jr.,                                   | " Wm. H. Munroe,              |
| " <i>G. T. Chapman, D.D.,</i>                          | " W. R. Nicholson, D.D.,      |
| " Edwin B. Chase,                                      | " George Packard,             |
| " Moses B. Chase,                                      | " Wm. P. Page,                |
| " Robt. F. Chase,                                      | " Edmund P. Palmer,           |
| " Jos. H. Clinch,                                      | " <i>Sam'l P. Parker,</i>     |
| " G. S. Converse,                                      | " Joshua R. Peirce,           |
| " Edward Cowley,                                       | " Wm. R. Pickman,             |
| " Andrew Croswell,                                     | " Emery M. Porter,            |
| " Sam'l Cutler,                                        | " Rich'd F. Putnam,           |
| " Theo. Edson, D.D.,                                   | " G. M. Randall, D.D.,        |
| " D. G. Estes,                                         | " C. A. L. Richards,          |
| " Thos. F. Fales,                                      | " John P. Robinson,           |
| " Thos. B. Flower,                                     | " John H. Rouse,              |
| " <i>Lewis Green,</i>                                  | " Winslow W. Sever,           |
| " J. S. C. Greene,                                     | " Chas. H. Seymour,           |
| " E. W. Hager,                                         | " S. Brenton Shaw,            |
| " Benj. Hale, D.D.,                                    | " <i>G. C. Shepard, D.D.,</i> |
| " David G. Haskins,                                    | " Edmund F. Slafter,          |
| " Wm. G. Hawkins,                                      | " Theo. W. Snow,              |
| " Chas. W. Homer,                                      | " Moses P. Stickney,          |
| " Nich's Hoppin, D.D.,                                 | " J. S. Stone, D.D.,          |

The Rev. *Julius S. Townsend*, The Rev. J.L. Watson, D.D.,  
 " Edw. H. True, " E.M.P. Wells, D.D.  
 " Josiah P. Tustin, " Geo. D. Wildes,  
 " *James H. Tyng*, " Fred'k Wilson.  
 " Thos. H. Vail, D.D.,

Who, with the exception of those whose names are printed in *italics*, appeared and took their seats.

The Secretary then called over the names of the Parishes in union with the Convention, when the Lay Delegates handed in the Certificates of their election. The names of the Lay Delegates were then called, the members present answering to their names. Those who were not present during some portion of the Session, are *italicized*.

*Grace Church, Attleborough.*

*Christ Church, Andover.* Francis Cogswell, *John Parnell*, G. K. W. Gallishan.

*St. James's Church, Amesbury.* William Proudman, John Kimball.

*St. John's Church, Ashfield.*

*St. Paul's Church, Auburndale.*

*Trinity Church, Boston.* Geo. M. Dexter, *Benj. C. Clark*, Edward Blake.

*Christ Church, Boston.* John R. Haslam, Oliver L. Briggs, Geo. E. Bennett.

*St. Paul's Church, Boston.* Geo. M. Browne, George H. Lyman, James B. Dow.

*Grace Church, Boston.* Robert M. Mason, William W. Morland, M.D., Joseph S. Fay.

*Church of the Messiah, Boston.* Robert Codman, B. F. Nourse, S. H. Gregory.

*Church of the Advent, Boston.* Geo. C. Shattuck, M.D., Richard H. Dana, Jr., Isaac F. Redfield.

*St. Mark's Church, Boston.* Wm. Cleveland Hicks, Horace Barnes, *Chas. K. Cobb*.

*St. Matthew's Church, South Boston.* David Clapp, Joseph Hale, Henry W. Nelson.

*St. John's Church, East Boston.* William Munroe, Daniel Byron, John Watson.

*Trinity Church, Bridgewater.* John Edson, George L. Edson.

*St. Paul's Church, Brookline.* James S. Amory, John A. Burnham, Harrison Fay.

*Christ Church, Cambridge.* Luther Crane, Samuel Batchelder, Jr., Joseph G. Moody.

*St. Peter's Church, Cambridge.* Asa P. Morse.

*St. John's Church, Charlestown.* Peter Hubbell, John E. Tyler, Luther V. Bell, M. D.

*St. Luke's Church, Chelsea.* G. F. H. Bailey, David W. Patrick, John Walter.

*St. Andrew's Church, Chelsea.* Gearfield Learned, Erastus F. Dana, Chas. A. Davis, M.D.

*Grace Church, Chicopee.*

*Christ Church, Clappville.* E. G. Carlton, Talmon Trask.

*St. Paul's Church, Dedham.* Ira Cleveland, Thos. L. Wakefield, R. M. Clark.

*St. Mary's Church, Dorchester.* Nathaniel W. Coffin, Samuel Gilbert, Jr., John Phillips.

*Calvary Church, Danvers.* Joseph Adams, Francis Peabody, Chas. H. Learoyd.

*Ascension Church, Fall River.* Walter C. Durfee, Richard M. Sherman, Richard W. Batt.

*St. James's Church, Great Barrington.*

*St. James's Church, Greenfield.* R. E. Field, Thomas W. Ripley, Henry W. Clapp.

*St. Andrew's Church, Hanover.* John Cushing, George Curtis, John B. Bates.

*Trinity Church, Haverhill.* B. K. Downes, Jr., Wm. G. Howe, Samuel Perley.

*St. Paul's Church, Hopkinton.*

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*St. Luke's Church, Lanesborough.* Edward A. Newton,  
Jason Newton, William S. Filley.

*Grace Church, Lawrence.* Henry Barton, J. P. Battles,  
L. A. Bishop.

*St. George's Church, Lee.* Lucius Crocker, C. C. Hol-  
comb, M.D.

*Trinity Church, Lenox.*

*St. Anne's Church, Lowell.* Artemas G. Tyler, Thos.  
G. Gerrish, Wm. McArthur.

*St. Stephen's Church, Lynn.* Edward S. Davis, John  
Renton, M.D., John Halliday.

*St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.*

*Grace Church, Medford.* Gardiner P. Gates, James  
Hedenburg, M.D.

*Trinity Church, Melrose.* C. S. Fenner, C. P. Gordon,  
John Kimball.

*St. John's Church, Millville.* H. S. Mansfield, Lyman  
Legg, William A. Cole.

*St. Paul's Church, Nantucket.*

*Grace Church, New Bedford.* William G. Blackler, C.  
B. H. Fessenden, John Kehew.

*St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.* David Wood, Edward  
S. Mosely, Wm. W. Caldwell.

*St. Andrew's Church, New Boston.*

*St. Mary's Church, Newton.* Thomas Rice, A. A. Ken-  
dall, M.D., R. B. Blasdell.

*Grace Church, Newton.* John Andrews, A. B. Under-  
wood, J. E. Butts, Jr.

*St. John's Church, North Adams.* Henry Cartwright,  
L. L. Brown, Wm. W. Pratt.

*St. John's Church, Northampton.*

*St. Paul's Church, Otis.*

*Trinity Church, Pawtucket.* Joseph Smith, Henry Wil-  
kinson, Charles E. Kenyon.

*Christ Church, Plymouth.*

*St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield.*

*Christ Church, Quincy: A. F. Pollock, A. Tilden.*

*St. James's Church, Roxbury. Sanford M. Hunt, Chas. McBurney, John B. Kettell.*

*St. John's Church, Roxbury (Jamaica Plain.) Edward N. Perkins, Jonathan Amory, Dan'l B. Hager.*

*St. Peter's Church, Salem. Francis W. Pickman, Stephen B. Ives, Wm. A. Howard.*

*Grace Church, Salem. Benj'n Shreve, Henry F. Shepard, John H. Stone.*

*Christ Church, Springfield. James Barnes, R. B. Hildred.*

*St. Paul's Church, Stockbridge.*

*Christ Church, Swansea.*

*St. Thomas's Church, Taunton. Edmund H. Bennett, Benjamin D. Washburn, Charles Husband.*

*Trinity Church, Vandeusenville.*

*Christ Church, Waltham.*

*St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville. Seth Hartwell, Silas Chase, N. B. Chase.*

*Church of the Messiah, Wood's Hole.*

*All Saints' Church, Worcester. Henry K. Newcomb, Sumner Pratt, Sam'l B. Nichols.*

A quorum being present, the Convention proceeded to business.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That in the election of Secretary, balloting be dispensed with.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Rev. Joseph H. Clinch, the former Secretary, be re-elected.

On motion.

*Resolved*, That in the election of Treasurer, balloting be dispensed with.

On motion.



*Resolved*, That the Rev. Samuel B. Babcock, the former Treasurer, be re-elected.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Rules of order adopted at the last Convention, be adopted for the government of this Body.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the usual Committees be appointed by the Chair.

The Chair accordingly announced the appointment of the following Committees: —

*On Qualifications.* The Rev. George Packard, Rev. William R. Babcock, Edward A. Newton.

*On New Parishes.* Rev. Thomas H. Vail, D. D., Rev. Samuel Cutler, Edward Blake.

*On Finance.* The Rev. James A. Bolles, D.D., Edward S. Davis, Stephen B. Ives.

*Executive Committee.* The Rev. J. S. Stone, D. D., the Rev. C. A. L. Richards, the Rev. Henry H. Bean.

*On Unfinished Business.* The Rev. Arthur Mason, Harrison Fay.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That Clergymen of this Church, not entitled to seats in the Convention, and candidates for Holy Orders, be invited to be present at the sittings of this Body.

*Whereupon*, The following appeared and took seats in the Convention.

|                               |       |                |
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| The Rev. Francis A. Foxcroft, | -     | Massachusetts. |
| “ Elisha F. Watson,           | - -   | Massachusetts. |
| “ William S. Bartlet,         | -     | Massachusetts. |
| “ William B. Colburn,         | - -   | Massachusetts. |
| “ Henry McLory,               | - -   | Massachusetts. |
| “ Samuel J. Evans,            | - -   | Massachusetts. |
| “ William Withington,         | -     | Massachusetts. |
| “ Justin Field,               | - - - | Massachusetts. |

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| The Rev. Heman Dyer, D.D.,  | - | New York.      |
| “ N. W. Munroe,             | - | New York.      |
| “ Geo. W. D. Copeland,      | - | New York.      |
| “ Wm. Stevens Perry,        | - | Maine.         |
| “ A. H. Washburn, (Deacon,) |   | Massachusetts. |

The Rev. Dr. Randall, from the Committee appointed by the last Convention, on the will of the late William Price, gave notice to the Convention that they were prepared to report in print, and that copies of said Report were laid upon the Secretary's table for the use of the Convention.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That this Convention now adjourn to meet again in this Church, at 4 o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned.

4 o'clock, P. M.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Some additional certificates of Lay Delegates were handed in, and the Delegates took their seats.

Some Clerical members not present this morning appeared and took their seats in the Convention.

The Committee on Qualifications made the following Report:

That Article 3d of the Constitution requires an actual and canonical residence for the space of six calendar months next before the meeting of the Convention, and that, according to this requirement,

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| The Rev. William Tatlock, |
| “ William H. Leach,       |
| “ William H. Mills,       |
| “ Alex. G. Mercer, D.D.,  |
| “ Charles H. Gardiner,    |

are not entitled to seats in this Convention.

The Committee further report, that according to the interpretation of the 3d Article made by a special Committee at the last Convention, and adopted by the Convention,

The Rev. Francis A. Foxcroft,

“ Justin Field,

“ William S. Bartlet,

“ Samuel J. Evans,

are not entitled to seats.

The Committee further report, That the certificates of Lay Delegates of the several Parishes laid before them are correct, excepting St. Paul's Church, Hopkinton ; Christ Church, Springfield ; St. Peter's Church, Cambridgeport ; each of which fails to state, that the Delegates chosen are stated worshippers in the Parishes they purport to represent, as expressly required in the Constitution ; and that they are consequently inelegible.

GEORGE PACKARD,

WM. R. BABCOCK,

E. A. NEWTON.

After considerable discussion, it was, on motion,

*Resolved*, That the Report of the Committee on Qualifications be re-committed, and that the Committee be instructed to receive evidence as to the fact of the Delegates from Hopkinton, Cambridgeport and Springfield, being stated worshippers — and be permitted to amend their Report.

The Bishop then delivered his Annual Address.

## Annual Address :

### MY BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY : —

Of the official acts which have been performed by me since we last met together, and the record of which I have now to present to you, the first to be mentioned is the administration of the rite of Confirmation in St. Paul's, Brookline, on the morning of the Fourth Sunday after Easter, May 6 ; when 7 persons received the laying on of hands. On this occasion I also, in conjunction with the Rector of the parish, administered the Lord's Supper.

In the afternoon of the same day, I preached in the temporary place of worship of the congregation of Grace Church, Newton Corner.

In the evening of Tuesday, May 8, I confirmed 18 in St. Paul's, Newburyport.

On Wednesday, May 9, I preached in the afternoon in St. James's, Amesbury.

On Thursday, May 10, I confirmed 4 in the evening in Christ Church, Andover.

On the Fifth Sunday after Easter, May 13, I confirmed 8 in the afternoon in St. Andrew's, Chelsea.

On Tuesday, May 15, I confirmed 9 in the evening in St. John's, Millville.

On Wednesday, May 16, in Trinity Church, Pawtucket, I catechized the children in the afternoon, and confirmed 11 persons in the evening. Since that time the Rev. John M. Peck has resigned the charge of this parish, and been transferred to the Diocese of Maryland. He has been succeeded by the Rev. Edward De Zeng, from the Diocese of New York.

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Ascension Day, May 17, I confirmed 2 in the evening in Grace Church, New Bedford. The Rev. Spencer M. Rice has resigned the Rectorship of this parish, and removed to New Jersey; and has been succeeded by the Rev. Josiah P. Tustin, from the Diocese of Rhode Island.

On Friday, May 18, I preached in the afternoon in Trinity Church, Bridgewater.

Sunday after Ascension Day, May 20, I preached in the morning, and catechized the children, in St. Thomas's, Taunton; and confirmed 7 persons in the afternoon.

On Tuesday, May 22, I catechized the children in the afternoon in the Church of the Ascension, Fall River; and confirmed 14 persons in the evening.

On Wednesday, May 23, I preached in the afternoon, and catechized the children, in Christ Church, Swansea; and in the evening, after a sermon by the Rev. B. H. Chase, of Rhode Island, I delivered a brief address to the congregation.

On Friday, May 25, I had the satisfaction of consecrating to the service of God the parish church, built by the congregation of Calvary Church, Danvers. There was a numerous attendance of clergymen to cheer the excellent Rector on this joyful occasion, and a large gathering of others from Danvers and the neighboring places. The edifice, which is of wood, and the design of which was furnished by Messrs. Ryder and Fuller, of Boston, is appropriate in all its arrangements; and presents a chaste and beautiful appearance both externally, and within. The ground on which it stands, of the value of \$1200.00, was generously given by two active members of the parish, Joseph Adams, and Edward D. Kimball, Esqrs.; and the cost of the building was \$4400, contributed partly by the parishioners, and partly by friends in other parishes of the Diocese. Let us hope for the Divine blessing on the ministrations, henceforth to be



dispensed in this house of God. Wherever our beloved Church is planted, it is sure of bringing rich benefits with it; provided, at the same time, that the Lord Jesus Christ be faithfully proclaimed from the pulpit, and the worship be kept free from those worse than puerile and pitiable superstitions, which have been introduced here and there into our protestant fold to its great injury and dishonor. May the edifice thus set apart be a place where, through many generations, there shall be continually "added to the Church such as should be saved!"

Whit-Sunday, May 27, I confirmed 8 in the afternoon in Trinity Church, Melrose. I was much pleased with this edifice, in which, on the present occasion, I officiated for the first time.

Tuesday in Whitsun-Week, May 29, in St. James's, Greenfield, after the Morning Service I delivered a short address to the congregation; catechized the children in the afternoon; and confirmed 32 persons in the evening.

On Wednesday, May 30, I catechized the children in the afternoon in St. John's, Northampton, and confirmed 3 persons in the evening.

On Thursday, May 31, I preached in the evening in Grace Church, Chicopee.

On Friday, June 1, I confirmed 13 in the evening in Christ Church, Springfield.

On Trinity Sunday, June 3, I confirmed 10 in the evening in Christ Church, Waltham.

On Tuesday, June 5, I confirmed 10 in the evening in the temporary place of worship used by the congregation of Grace Church, Newton Corner.

On Wednesday, June 6, I confirmed 9 in the evening in Grace Church, Lawrence.

On Thursday, June 7, I confirmed 4 in the evening in Trinity Church, Haverhill.

On the First Sunday after Trinity, June 10, I preached in the morning, and catechized the children, in St. Andrew's, Haverover; in the afternoon confirmed 11 persons; and delivered an address to the congregation at a third service, held in the evening.

On the Fifth Sunday after Trinity, July 8, I preached in the morning in St. Andrew's, Lynn; and

In the afternoon of the same day, preached in St. Stephen's, Lynn. The Rev. Isaac W. Hallam, just before this visit, resigned the charge of this parish, of which he had been Rector for fourteen years; and has removed to the Diocese of New Jersey. He has been succeeded by the Rev. Edward H. True, from the Diocese of Connecticut.

On the Seventh Sunday after Trinity, July 22, I confirmed 5 in the morning in the Church of the Messiah, Wood's Hole; and in the afternoon preached a second time, and catechized the children.

On Wednesday, September 12, at an Ordination held in Trinity Church, Boston, I admitted to Deacon's Orders Frederick D. Huntington, D. D., late Preacher to the University, and Plummer Professor of Christian Morals in Harvard College. The Sermon was preached, at my request, by the Right Rev. Dr. Burgess, Bishop of Maine; and the interest of the occasion was increased by the presence of the Bishop of Victoria, then on a visit to this country, who conducted a portion of the prescribed services. Dr. Huntington, on the Sunday following the day of his ordination, commenced his ministrations as Rector of Emmanuel Church, in this city, the organization of which was mentioned in my Address to the last Convention.

On Thursday, September 13, it was with great gratification that I consecrated Christ Church, Quincy; a substantial and beautiful edifice of stone, erected on the site of the wooden church

which was destroyed by fire. The building was designed by Messrs. Preston and Emerson, of Boston; and is remarkable for its simplicity, and for the convenience of its arrangements. A large number of the clergy, and a numerous congregation, were present at this interesting service, and rejoiced together at the rapidity with which, through the energy and zeal of the parish, this new sanctuary has risen upon the ruins of the old. The cost, which was \$6500, has been contributed, with the exception of \$800, by members of the congregation. To add to the happiness of the occasion, the Rev. Benjamin C. Cutler, D. D., Rector of St. Ann's, Brooklyn, New York, preached the Sermon. Dr. Cutler, from the year 1822 to 1829, was Rector of this ancient parish; and now, after the lapse of more than thirty years, had come, at my desire and that of the parishioners, to revisit the scene of his former faithful and eminently successful labors. His discourse, which was full of Scriptural truth and wisdom, and marked by peculiar faithfulness of appeal, produced a strong impression, and one that, I trust, will not pass away. May the Lord crown the services of the day with his richest blessing through coming generations!

I would here state that this parish is now served by the Rev. Henry Burroughs.

On Wednesday, September 19, at an Ordination held in Grace Church, Boston, I admitted to Priest's Orders the Rev. John V. Lewis, Deacon, Rector of St. John's, Millville. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Charles Mason, D. D., Rector of Grace Church; who also, together with the Rev. Drs. Wells and Randall, united with me in the imposition of hands.

On the Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity, September 30, I preached in the morning in Calvary Church, Danvers, and confirmed 8 persons in the afternoon.

On the Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity, October 7, I confirm-

ed 6 in the evening in the Diocesan Mission Chapel for Sailors, Commercial Street, Boston.

On the evening of Wednesday, October 24, I attended, in St. George's Church, New York, the first public meeting of the American Church Missionary Society; and, by request of the Committee of Arrangements, delivered an address on this highly interesting occasion. The Rev. Dr. Nicholson of this city, and others of the clergy, also addressed the numerous assembly present. In the formation of this Society I have greatly rejoiced, in common with a large number of my brethren both of the clergy and laity; and, in the wide-spread interest and favor which have attended it from the beginning, I cannot but perceive strong evidence that such an agency for the missionary work was needed, and also the most cheering proof of the blessing of Almighty God. This new Society is formed upon the principle of voluntary association. Being thus constituted, it will command the hearty support and confidence of the friends of evangelical truth throughout our land; for they will now have the assurance, that the gifts they bestow will be devoted to the extension of the principles they love, and of those alone. I commend this agency to the affectionate interest of ministers and people in this Diocese. Its object is to send forth those laborers only, who will preach Christ Crucified as the sinner's hope; and who, while loving the polity of our apostolical Church, and giving their due place and importance to the Sacraments Christ has appointed, will not put the Church and the Sacraments in the place of Christ, nor substitute a religion of ritualism for the gospel of the blessed God.

On Wednesday, October 31, I confirmed 4 in the afternoon in St. John's, Wilkinsonville, and catechized the children in the evening.

All Saints' Day, Thursday, November 1, I confirmed 16

in the evening in All Saints', Worcester. I am happy to record, that this church has been thoroughly repaired by the parishioners; and, at the same time, provided with a large additional number of sittings, which was required by the increased attendance upon its services.

On Friday, November 2, I confirmed 1 in the afternoon in Christ Church, Clappville.

On the Twenty-Second Sunday after Trinity, November 4, in St. John's, Ashfield, I preached in the morning, and confirmed 4 in the afternoon. The Rev. Charles H. Gardiner, Rector of this parish, has, since that time, been transferred to this Diocese from that of New York.

On Monday, November 5, after a sermon in the evening by the Rev. Mr. Bowden, of Pittsfield, I confirmed 6 persons at South Adams. The Rev. W. Tatlock, from the Diocese of New York, who is now the Rector of St. John's, North Adams, has held service every Sunday, with very encouraging results, at South Adams. On the following day, Tuesday, November 6, I administered the Lord's Supper in the morning, in conjunction with the Rev. Mr. Bowden, in the church at North Adams. Mr. Bowden delivered an address on the occasion. I preached in the same church in the evening. I am glad to state that, energetic measures having been taken by the members of this parish, for removing the debt which has so long impeded its prosperity, and hindered the consecration of the edifice in which they assemble together, that desirable object has at length been accomplished; and the church will be set apart to the service of God in the ensuing autumn.

On Wednesday, November 7, I preached in the morning, and confirmed 1 in the afternoon, in St. Luke's, Lanesborough.

On Thursday, November 8, I confirmed 10 in the evening in St. Stephen's, Pittsfield, including 1 from St. George's, Lee.

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The Rev. Edward M. Pecke had, just before this time, resigned the rectorship of this parish, and removed to the Diocese of Pennsylvania; and the Rev. J. J. Bowden was immediately afterwards appointed his successor. This invitation he accepted, and, in consequence, relinquished the charge of the new parish of Christ Church in the same town; and this parish has since been dissolved.

On Friday, November 9, I confirmed 1 in the afternoon in Trinity Church, Lenox. The Rev. J. A. Penniman has recently relinquished the charge of this parish, and has been succeeded by the Rev. Henry A. Yardley, from the Diocese of Connecticut.

On the Twenty-Third Sunday after Trinity, November 11, I confirmed 3 in the morning, and catechized the children, in St. Paul's, Stockbridge. In the evening of the same day I preached at South Lee, where the Rector of St. Paul's has for some time held a service on every Lord's Day. The attendance was large; and the good fruits of these ministrations of the Rev. Mr. Parker have been very manifest.

On Tuesday, November 13, I confirmed 1 in the evening, and catechized the children, in St. George's, Lee. The Rev. J. F. Spaulding has resigned the charge of this parish, and removed to the Diocese of Rhode Island; and has been succeeded at Lee by the Rev. W. H. Leach, from that Diocese.

On Wednesday, November 14, I confirmed 3 in the morning, and catechized the children, in Trinity Church, Vandeusenville; and

In the evening of the same day, confirmed 7 in St. James's, Great Barrington.

On Friday, November 16, I preached in the morning, and catechized the children, in St. Paul's, Otis; and confirmed 4 persons in the evening.

On the Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Trinity, November 18,

I preached in the morning in St. Andrew's, New Boston; catechized the children in the afternoon; and confirmed 2 persons in the evening. I was happy to see the encouraging condition of things at Otis and New Boston, under the laborious ministrations of the Rev. E. F. Watson; but it is with great regret that I have to add, that he has since given up his charge of these two places, and that they are again left as sheep without a shepherd. They offer a most promising field for missionary work, and I cannot but hope and pray that some persevering and zealous laborer may soon be found, to bring in wanderers, through the Spirit's blessing, into the fold of God.

On Monday, November 10, I confirmed 16 in the evening in St. James's Greenfield; making, with the 32 already mentioned as having been confirmed in May last, 48 as the whole number for the year.

On the evening of Thursday, November 22, I had the great satisfaction of being present at the re-opening of Christ Church, in this city. This venerable edifice, dear to us all by so many impressive recollections of the past, had been for a long time closed for the purpose of extensive repairs and improvements. The repairs were absolutely necessary, and have been thoroughly made: the improvements are such as well deserve the name, being a restoration of the interior of the building very nearly to the appearance it must have presented in its early days. All that has been done by the Vestry is in perfect accordance with the character and associations of this ancient church; and they deserve our warmest thanks for what they have accomplished. On this occasion of the renewal of services within the walls of Christ Church, a sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Nicholson, Rector of St. Paul's; after which a brief address was delivered by myself to the large congregation assembled. Long may this interesting old building stand; its melodious bells sum-

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moning the surrounding inhabitants to the ordinances of the gospel, and the reading desk and pulpit uttering their witness, through many generations, to the blessed truth that the Lord Jesus, who is both God and man, "came into the world to save sinners!"

On the Sunday next before Advent, November 25, I confirmed 6 in the afternoon in St. Mary's, Newton, Lower Falls. Since the last Convention, the Rev. Mr. De Costa has resigned the Rectorship of this parish, and has been succeeded by the Rev. W. W. Sever, from the Diocese of New Jersey.

St. Andrew's Day, Friday, November 30, I confirmed 15 in the evening in St. Stephen's Chapel, Boston.

On Wednesday, December 5, I confirmed 4 in the evening, and also catechized the children, at East Attleborough. The services were held in a hall used by the congregation. Since the last Convention, the Rev. Julius S. Townsend has been compelled by ill health to relinquish the charge of this station, and of the parish of Grace Church, North Attleborough; and has been succeeded by the Rev. Edward Cowley, from the Diocese of Rhode Island.

On Wednesday, December 12, I confirmed 2 in the evening in the temporary place of worship used by the congregation of St. Paul's, Auburndale.

On Wednesday, December 19, I confirmed 3 in the evening in St. Stephen's, Lynn.

On the Fourth Sunday in Advent, December 23, I confirmed 24 in the evening in St. Mathew's, South Boston. The Rev. Frederic Wilson, from the Diocese of Pennsylvania, has been chosen the Rector of this parish in place of the Rev. Joseph H. Clinch, whose resignation was mentioned in my Address to the last Convention. The congregation have removed to a new church of larger dimensions than that which they formerly



occupied ; and in this building the services of the present occasion were held.

On the Sunday after Christmas-Day, December 30, I confirmed 9 in the evening in the Free Church of St. Mary for Sailors, Boston.

On Wednesday, January 16, 1861, I administered the Communion in the morning at a united meeting of the Eastern and Southern District Church Missionary Associations, held in the temporary place of worship used by the congregation of Emmanuel Church, Boston. And in the evening of this day, I attended a Missionary Meeting of these Associations in the same place ; and, after addresses by the Rev. Drs. Vail and Randall, and the Rev. Mr. Fales, spoke a few words to my brethren of the clergy, and others there assembled.

On Thursday, Feb. 14, at an Ordination held in Christ Church, Boston, I admitted to Deacon's Orders Mr. Alvan H. Washburn, a Candidate for Orders of this Diocese. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. J. H. Rouse, Rector of Christ Church, Clappville. Mr. Washburn has been officiating, since his ordination, at Hyde Park, where a parish, by the name of Christ Church, has been organized since the last Convention ; and where also a church has been built, which is nearly ready for consecration.

On the evening of Tuesday, February 26, in St. Michael's, Marblehead, I preached a sermon on the Bible, addressed to young men ; being the last of a course delivered by several of the clergy.

On Wednesday, March 6, I preached in the evening in St. Paul's, Dedham.

On the Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 10, I confirmed 14 in the afternoon in St. Mark's, Boston ; to whom are to be added 2 others confirmed in Trinity Church, one in September last,

and the other hereafter to be mentioned, making 16 as the number for the year : and

In the evening of the same day, in Trinity Church, confirmed 49 persons presented by the Rector of Emmanuel Church, Boston. To these are to be added 3, hereafter to be mentioned as confirmed in Trinity Church and St. Paul's, making 52 as the whole number.

On the Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 17, I confirmed 8 in the afternoon in Christ Church, Cambridge.

On Tuesday, March 19, at an Ordination held in the Church of the Messiah, Boston, I admitted to Priest's Orders the Rev. Frederick D. Huntington, D. D., Deacon, Rector of Emmanuel Church, Boston, and the Rev. Richard F. Putnam, Deacon, Rector of St. John's, Framingham, a parish which has been organized since the last Convention. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Henry Burroughs, who also, together with the Rev. Messrs. M. B. Chase, S. B. Babcock, and Sever, united with me in the imposition of hands on the Rev. Mr. Putnam. The Rev. Dr. Randall, the Rev. Messrs. Baury, Robinson, Lambert, and Sever, and the Rev. W. S. Perry of the Diocese of New Hampshire, united with me in the imposition of hands on the Rev. Dr. Huntington.

On Friday, March 22, I confirmed 20 in the evening in St. Stephen's Chapel, Boston ; making, with the 15 already mentioned as confirmed in November last, 35 as the whole number for the year.

On the Sunday next before Easter, March 24, I confirmed 13 in the morning in Trinity Church, Boston, including 2 from Emmanuel Church, and 1 from St. Mark's.

In the afternoon of the same day, I confirmed 18 in St. James's, Roxbury, including 1 from St. James's, Woodstock, in the Diocese of Vermont ; and

In the evening, confirmed 7 in Christ Church, Boston. •

On Thursday, April 4, at the request of the Provisional Bishop of New York, I was present at the consecration of the Memorial Church of the Rev. Dr. Anthon, and preached the Sermon. This edifice, of substantial materials, and architectural beauty, is an important addition to the means of grace in that part of the city of New York in which it is situated ; but it possesses also a peculiar interest as the monument of a distinguished minister of Christ, who, until he was removed from the earth in January last, labored in season, and out of season, for the Redeemer's glory. He was eminent for his interest in the work of Church extension ; and the erection of this building had long been a cherished object of his prayers and exertions. His son, the Rev. Edward Anthon, who was formerly Rector, for a short time, of St. Thomas's, Taunton, is the incumbent of the Memorial Church. May the Holy Spirit lead him ever to emulate his honored father, in those qualities of inflexible adherence to principle, courage in following the path of duty, and ardent attachment to evangelical truth, which made the Rev. Dr. Anthon so marked a man in his day and generation !

On the First Sunday after Easter, April 7, I confirmed 50 in the morning in St. Anne's, Lowell ; and, in conjunction with the Rector, administered the Lord's Supper : and

In the afternoon of the same day, confirmed 29 parishioners of St. John's, Lowell, a parish which has been organized since the last Convention, and of which the Rector is the Rev. Charles W. Homer, who has been received from the Diocese of New York. The services were held in a temporary place of worship used by the congregation. The parishioners have commenced the building of a substantial stone church, the corner-stone of which was laid a short time after my visit.

On Tuesday, April 9, I confirmed 26 in the evening in St. John's, Charlestown.

On the Second Sunday after Easter, April 14, I confirmed 10 in the afternoon in Grace Church, Boston ; and

In the evening of the same day, confirmed 34 in the Church of the Advent ; making, with 2 others about to be mentioned, 36 as the number for the year.

On the third Sunday after Easter, April 21, I confirmed 18 in the afternoon in St. Paul's, Boston, including 1 from Emmanuel Church, and 2 from the Church of the Advent ; and

In the evening of the same day, confirmed 10 in St. Peter's, Cambridgeport.

On the Fourth Sunday after Easter, April 28, I confirmed 13 in the afternoon in the Church of the Messiah, Boston.

From the particulars thus presented the following result appears : — During the last year I have confirmed 660 persons ; ordained 2 Deacons, and 3 Priests ; consecrated 2 churches ; the corner-stone of 1 church has been laid ; and 3 parishes have been organized.

I have to mention the following changes which have taken place in the Diocese, in addition to those already recorded : — The Rev. Justin Field has been succeeded in the Rectorship of Grace Church, Medford, by the Rev. George A. Strong, from the Diocese of Delaware ; the Rev. Alexander G. Mercer, D. D., from the Diocese of Rhode Island, has become the Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, Boston ; the Rev. W. H. Mills, from the same Diocese, has been appointed Rector of St. Mary's Dorchester, in place of the Rev. Edward L. Drown, who has resigned that parish, and become the Rector of St. Paul's, New Haven, in the Diocese of Connecticut ; the Rev. James H. Tyng has relinquished the charge of St. Luke's, Chelsea, which is now served by the Rev. Edmund B. Palmer ; the Rev. S. J. Evans has resigned the Rectorship of St. John's, East Boston, and has been succeeded by the Rev. Henry McClory,

from the Diocese of Connecticut ; the Rev. Joshua R. Pierce has been received from New Hampshire, and is officiating at Southborough ; the Rev. William R. Pickman, from the Diocese of Missouri, has succeeded the Rev. Mr. Leeds as the Rector of St. Peter's, Salem ; the Rev. J. B. Richmond has been transferred to Illinois, the Rev. Dr. Fuller to Connecticut, the Rev. Archibald M. Morrison to New York, the Rev. William H. Trapnell to Maryland, the Rev. John West to Nebraska, and the Rev. Dexter Potter to New Hampshire. The Letters Dimissory to the Diocese of Jamaica granted, in 1859, to the Rev. W. H. N. Stewart, were recently returned to me, and he has been transferred to the Diocese of Pennsylvania. The Rev. William H. Brooks has been received from Western New York ; the Rev. John L. Watson, D. D., Chaplain in the U. S. Navy, from New Hampshire ; the Rev. Elisha F. Watson from Rhode Island ; and the Rev. Edwin B. Chase from New Jersey.

The Candidates for Orders are as follows:—Wentworth S. Butler, Abner P. Brush, Charles C. Wright, Samuel S. Spear, Albert U. Stanley, Robert Murray, Jr., William R. Huntington, Francis E. R. Chubbuck, O. W. Whitaker, Edward Hale, George S. Paine, Daniel S. Preston, Charles Learoyd, and Edmund Squire — Total, 14. You will, I am sure, perceive with gratification, that the number of our candidates for the ministry is considerably larger than that of the last year, and of many preceding years. Let us thank God for this token of his blessing ; not relaxing, at the same time, our perseverance in earnest prayer to “the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest.”

I have derived much comfort, during the past year, from the stated Monday morning Prayer Meeting, held in the Sunday School Room of this church. On these occasions a few of the clergy, I am happy to say, have been always present, and added

their supplications to those offered by the followers of Christ among the people. I am rejoiced that this meeting is still supported; and that, while the ambassadors of the gospel are laboring in their several fields at home and abroad, petitions go forth from this quiet spot for the dew of the Spirit on their work — for the growth in grace of those who confess their Master in the ordinances of his appointment — for the addition of multitudes to the number of God's people — for the divine blessing on this Diocese, on its Bishop, and on its ministers — and for the extension of Messiah's dominion over all lands.

My dear brethren; — It is unnecessary to remind you that we meet this day under circumstances, which, in solemnity, and in calamitous character, have had no parallel since this American Union commenced its existence. A nefarious rebellion has broken out, in some of the Southern portions of the Confederacy, against the government and laws of the United States. These revolutionary purposes have been enforced by arms; and blood has flowed. What can I hope to say at such a time, which has not already suggested itself to every heart? I only desire to mingle my own reflections with yours at this momentous crisis of our history. Let us thank God for the unanimity with which so many millions, burying all party differences in the love of their common flag, and of the constitution under which they live, have come forth as one man for the maintenance of their country's stability and honor. And to our gratitude we should surely add our deep humiliation for all those sins, which, we have abundant reason to fear, have provoked the chastising rod of Him who is our King and Governor. And now, moreover, if ever, should arise from the closet of every believer, from every family altar, and from the various assemblies of our people for social prayer, earnest supplication to God that he would pour down the influences of his Spirit upon the inhabitants of this vast country.

On us of the ministry, my reverend brethren, it is incumbent to be faithful in warning the people against the dangers peculiar to times like these;—the danger of neglecting, amidst these unwonted tumults and excitements, the momentous subject of personal religion—the danger of forgetting their part in the work of advancing that kingdom of Christ, which, amidst all the convulsions of the world, is destined not only to survive, but perpetually to increase until the fulness of the glory of the latter times—the danger of nurturing unholy and vindictive passions, and thus dishonoring their Christian profession in the eyes of gainsayers and enemies. And finally, my brethren of the ministry and of the people, let us, in these dark days, put our cheerful confidence in God. Let us believe that He has his own ends in this unexpected and bitter dispensation. And let us, while vigorously doing our duty in defending the right, comfort ourselves with the thought, that by sorrow as well as by joy, by adversity as well as by prosperity, by the storms and tempests sent from on high, as well as by gentle showers of peace and gladness, an overruling Arm is bringing on that day, when all the kingdoms of this world, now lying in wickedness, shall become the kingdoms “of our Lord and of his Christ.”

On motion,

*Resolved*, That so much of the Bishop’s Address as relates to the state of the Country be referred to a Committee.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That said Committee consist of two Clergymen and two Laymen.

The following gentlemen were nominated and elected, to constitute this Committee: the Rev. Geo. M. Randall, D.D., the Rev. John S. Stone, D.D., Robert M. Mason, Peter Hubbell.

The Rev. Theo. Edson, D. D., from the Committee

appointed by the last Convention, on the Will of the late William Price, made the following Report :

The Committee appointed by the Convention of last year on the subject of the will of the late Wm. Price, have attended to the duty assigned to them, and beg leave to submit the following :

OUR first duty was "to confer with the Trustees under the will of the late Wm. Price."

We found that the Rector and Wardens of Trinity Church were, and for more than twenty years had been, acting as such trustees. We sought a conference with them, but they declined to hold any, as appears by their letter of April 15, 1861, subjoined hereto. From some personal friends, gentlemen of the bar, connected with the corporations of Trinity Church and King's Chapel, we received information in a courteous and liberal manner, with opportunity to inspect the original documents. From these documents, the public records, and other information, we report the state of facts to be as follows :

Wm. Price made his will Nov. 30th, 1770, and a codicil April 20th, 1771. At this time he was possessed of a brick mansion-house upon a piece of land running from what is now Washington street to Court square. This estate he devised to his widow for life, and then to his nieces, Sarah and Margaret Creese, during their lives. Upon their death he devised the same "to the Rector and Church Wardens of King's Chapel, so called, in Boston aforesaid, and to their successors in said office IN TRUST FOREVER." The objects of the trust are as follows :

First,—Out of the rents and income to pay forty shillings a year, to be kept entire as a fund for King's Chapel, the interest of said fund to be used for the benefit of the parish by the Wardens and Vestry.

Second,—To pay £16 sterling annually for the support of a course of eight sermons to be preached in Lent of each year.



Third,—To pay forty shillings a year for the use of the poor, in the manner hereinafter specified.

Fourth,—Any remaining income of the estate to be placed out at interest, to be called in as there may be occasion for repairing, enlarging, or rebuilding the said house, or any part of the premises, and for keeping his tomb under Trinity Church in good and decent repair.

The will makes specific provisions as to the sermons. There are to be eight annually preached during Lent, beginning with Ash Wednesday and ending with Good Friday. The subjects of the sermons are assigned, and the sum of £16 is to be equally divided among the eight preachers. The provision as to the forty shillings annually to the poor is as follows :

After each sermon there is to be a contribution for the poor and one-eighth part of the forty shillings, to wit, five shillings is to be put into each contribution. The total receipts of the eight contributions shall be divided as follows : one-third to the poor of King's Chapel, one-third to the poor of Christ Church, and one-third to the poor of Trinity Church.

After all these provisions respecting the trust, the will proceeds as follows: "*And if at any time there shall be a greater sum arising from the rents and profits of my said house and appurtenances than shall be sufficient to discharge the said £20 annually hereinbefore given, and to keep my said house and appurtenances in repair, and if need be, to rebuild the same, and also to keep my tomb in repair as aforesaid, then and in that case I order such surplusage to be put out at interest by the Minister and Wardens for the time being of said King's Chapel.*"

It is upon the construction of this clause that the questions arise, for the will nowhere provides in terms what shall be done with the interest of this fund.

The testator requires the authorities of King's Chapel to


certify their acceptance of the trust in writing, and upon their non-acceptance the trust devolves upon the Rector and Wardens of Trinity Church. The testator "solemnly and earnestly requests" the trustees "at all times hereafter strictly to comply with and fulfil" the trust, "and by no means either to neglect so doing or presume to evade it."

In the year 1809, the widow and two nieces being dead, King's Chapel entered into possession of the land as trustees under the will. In 1824, Trinity Church contested their right to act as trustees upon two grounds, 1st, That King's Chapel had not accepted the trust, and 2d, That if the existing corporation of King's Chapel had accepted the trust, it was not the same corporation intended by the testator, by reason of essential changes in its doctrine and discipline. To test this question, a suit at law was brought in the Supreme Court of this State, known as a writ of entry, for the possession of the estate. No judicial decision was had upon this suit, but Trinity Church and King's Chapel compromised the subject by an agreement. This agreement was put in the form of an indenture of four parts, bearing date Nov. 21st, 1828, the Rector and Wardens of Trinity Church being one party, the Vestry and Proprietors of Pews of Trinity Church another party, the Minister and Wardens of King's Chapel a third party, and the Vestry and Proprietors of Pews of King's Chapel a fourth party. The substance of the indenture is as follows: King's Chapel agree that they have not accepted the trust in the manner required by the will, and that it thereby devolved upon Trinity Church, and they give Trinity Church a judgment by consent for possession of the land, as trustees. Trinity Church agrees to administer the trust under the will of Wm. Price "according to his true purpose and intent," and to apply the income of the estate, first, "to the payment of all such sums of money as are required to be paid by the said will, and of all reasonable charges and expenses attend-

ing the due execution of the several trusts according to the true intent of the donor," and then to pay to King's Chapel annually one half of all the residue of the income of said estate.

With reference to repairs, the indenture limits the expenditure to \$100 a year, and any greater expenses for repairing or rebuilding are to be undertaken only by the consent of both parishes, signified in the manner set forth in the indenture, and at their joint expense.

From 1828 to the present time, the Rector and Wardens of Trinity Church have been in possession of the estate as Trustees. At the date of the will the income of the estate did not probably much exceed £20 a year. It is understood that the present leases, although the buildings are in bad condition, have yielded about \$3500 a year. These leases expire in July next, and new leases can be made at a greatly increased rent. The manner of executing the trust has been, to pay out the sums specifically named in the will, amounting to £20, and after deducting expenses, &c., the surplus income, without any attempt to fund it, in the manner required by the will, has been equally divided between the two corporations, annually, as their absolute property; and there is now no fund existing under the will of Wm. Price. For this mode of executing the trust, the trustees have had no decree of any court of law or equity, nor have they acted upon the written opinion of any jurist. If the undoubted construction of the trust were this, viz., that after paying the specified sums annually for the church fund, the poor, and the sermons, the residue of the income was to go to the benefit of the parish for its general purposes, we presume this Convention would not desire to inquire into the question whether the will was duly executed by dividing the surplus income instead of funding it, as that would not be a matter which concerned the diocese, still less should we presume to suggest to the parish in what manner



they should meet their moral responsibilities, in disposing of what was their own ; but we are of opinion that such cannot be considered the undoubted construction of the trust. It is certainly a very grave question whether the surplus income, when funded, is not to follow the rule for the charity, imposed by the will upon the landed estate itself.

Two of the objects of this charity are the poor of the only Episcopal Parishes then in Boston, and the hearers of the sermons. These are an unidentified body of persons, the recipients of a public charity, incapable of legal action or legal recognition as a body. If they have any rights under this will which have been overlooked or disregarded, it is in our opinion not only eminently proper for this Convention, but the bounden duty of this Convention to vindicate their rights, and see that this public charity be duly executed, as far as regards such classes of persons.

This subject having, as we have seen, never received the attention of any judicial tribunal, and there being no opinion of any jurist upon the subject, we had hoped that the trustees would meet us in an amicable spirit and agree to have the question respecting the execution of the trust submitted to the proper tribunal in the usual manner, by a friendly proceeding, requesting instructions for the execution of a trust in charity. Disappointed in this expectation, we feel it our duty to recommend to the Convention the adoption of the following resolution :

WHEREAS, serious doubts exist whether the public charity established by the will of the late William Price for the delivery of public sermons and the aid of the poor of the Episcopal Parishes of Boston, has been administered in the manner intended by the founder of the charity, and, *whereas*, no decision of any judicial tribunal has been had thereupon, and the trustees of the charity decline to hold any conference with the committee of this Convention, or to become parties to any amicable proceeding for the ascertainment of the law to govern said charity ; and

*whereas*, the recipients of said charity are unidentifiable and unrecognizable as a body in the law, and it is therefore fit and proper that they should be represented by this Convention, therefore,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to confer with the Attorney-General of the Commonwealth, for the instituting of proper proceedings to ascertain and enforce the public charities established by the late William Price.

THEODORE EDSON.

GEO. M. RANDALL.

GEORGE M. BROWNE.

R. H. DANA, JR.

Boston, March 23, 1861.

*To the Rt. Rev. Rector and the Wardens of Trinity Church—  
being the Trustees under the Will of the late Wm. Price :*

GENTLEMEN,—At the last Diocesan Convention it was voted “that a Committee be appointed to confer with the Trustees under the will of the late Wm. Price, deceased, and consider what legal and moral responsibilities and duties were resting upon them to fulfil and carry out the spirit and intentions of the testator, and report in print to the next annual Convention.”

That committee was appointed, of which the subscribers have been delegated a sub-committee to confer with you as the Trustees, if you shall see fit to communicate with us on the subject. For that purpose we shall be pleased to meet you at any time and at such place as you may name.

Very respectfully,

R. H. DANA, JR.,  
GEO. M. BROWNE, } *Sub-Committee.*

Boston, April 2, 1861.

*To the Rt. Rev. Rector and the Wardens of Trinity Church—  
being the Trustees under the Will of the late Wm. Price :*

GENTLEMEN,—As we have received no answer to our note of the 23d ult., relating to the will of the late Wm. Price, we infer



that you decline to communicate with us on that subject, and shall so report.

Very respectfully,  
R. H. DANA, JR., }  
GEO. M. BROWNE, } *Sub-Committee.*

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Boston, April 15th, 1861.

*To Richard H. Dana, Jr., and George M. Browne, Esquires,  
Sub-Committee, &c., &c. :*

GENTLEMEN,—The Rector and Wardens of Trinity Church have received your letter of the 23d ultimo, addressed to them as Trustees under the will of the late William Price, and have given it that respectful consideration which is required by the nature of its subject and the character of the body from whose action it emanated.

It appears to the undersigned to be as clearly a part of their duty as trustees, to decline to yield to the jurisdiction of those who have no right to inquire into their proceeding, as it is to submit to all rightful authority to make such inquiry. And as they are advised and believe that the Diocesan Convention has no power to inquire concerning "the legal and moral responsibilities and duties of the Trustees," or the manner in which they have discharged, or intend to discharge, those legal and moral responsibilities, the Trustees must respectfully decline to yield their proceedings to that inquest, or to hold conference with the committee on the subject.

With great respect for the gentlemen composing the committee, we remain,

Your obedient servants,  
MANTON EASTBURN, *Rector.*  
SAM'L H. PARKER, } *Wardens of*  
G. M. DEXTER, } *Trinity Church.*

On motion,

*Resolved,* That the above Report be made the order of the day, for to-morrow at 12 o'clock.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the election of officers of this Convention be made the order of the day for to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

The Rev. Geo. Packard from the Committee on Qualifications made the following amendment to their Report :

The Committee further report that evidence has been laid before them that the omission to state in the Certificates that the Delegates from Springfield and Cambridgeport are stated worshippers in the Parishes they were elected to represent, was an oversight, and they therefore recommend that they be admitted to seats in this Convention.

Which amendment, together with the original report, was on motion adopted.

The Rev. Geo. D. Wildes, from the Board of Missions to Seamen, made the following Annual Report :

### **Report of the Board of Missions to Seamen.**

The Diocesan Board of Missions to Seamen beg leave respectfully to Report as follows :

The Mission originally established by the Convention of this Diocese has, for the past year, pursued its course of usefulness, under marked evidences of the Divine favor. In no previous year of its history, have its benefactions been more widely extended, or results been more evident. The excellent Chaplain, the Rev. John T. Burrill, has vindicated the judgment of the Board in his selection, by constant, faithful and well directed zeal in behalf of the Mission. Although the Rector of the venerable Parish of Christ Church, it is still believed, that no department of the Missionary work among Seamen, assigned to him, has failed to receive its full share of attention from the Chaplain. The results of his faithfulness have been seen in largely increased Congregations, in solemn religious impressions on the part of many Seamen, and in the warm regard entertained towards him, by those brought temporarily, or otherwise, under his ministry. The Board feel that it is due to the Rev. Mr. Burrill to say,

that at no previous period, have their expectations of zeal and efficiency on the part of their Missionaries, been more fully met.

The services of the Mission are still held on the mornings and evenings of Sunday, at the Chapel in Commercial Street. Were it within their power to provide a permanent and consecrated House of Worship for Seamen, the Board believe that little individual effort would be needed, in securing the attendance of Seamen. It is their earnest hope, that the time may soon come, when a Mission Church, consecrated according to our Church usages, may thus add to the efficiency of the Mission.

The Report of the Chaplain presents the Annual Statistics. It will be seen from the Report, that the informal week-day services have not been without interest and valuable results. The modes adopted by the Chaplain in conducting the meetings for social prayer and exhortation have seemed, to such members of the Board as have been present on various occasions, eminently judicious. The converted Seamen is, of all others, the man willing and wishing to speak of "the things of Christ." Some of the meetings held at the Chapel, on week-day and Sunday evenings, have been indeed seasons, when the word has been spoken with power from the repentant and contrite hearts of Seamen. The Board feel convinced, that while the order of the Church's service is always to be observed at its appointed seasons, such informal opportunities for prayer and exhortation, wisely conducted, ought never to be overlooked in connection with the Missionary work among Seamen.

The Treasurer's Report presents the receipts and expenditures of the Mission for the year. The Missionary's Report shows what has been done in the distribution of Bibles, Tracts and other publications. Upon the whole, next to the constant presence and blessing of the Holy Spirit, little else is needed in the present working of the Mission, than more of personal effort on the part of zealous Laymen, in bringing Seamen to the Chapel services. A few devoted Laymen of our city churches could find no more useful service on the Sunday mornings and evenings, than in visiting the wharves and boarding houses, and lead-



ing Seamen to God's House and worship. That many may be so inclined is the earnest prayer of the Board.

For the Board,

GEORGE D. WILDES.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That this Convention now adjourn, to meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Adjourned.

*Ascension Day, Thursday, }*  
9 o'clock, A. M. }

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Samuel Cutler, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Hanover, the Ante-Communion Service being read by the Bishop.

The roll having been called, some members not present yesterday, appeared and took their seats.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

The Rev. Wm. R. Babcock, Secretary of the Massachusetts Board of Missions, made the following Annual Report of that Body.

### **Report of the Board of Missions.**

The Board of Missions respectfully present to the Convention, their twenty-fifth Annual Report.

The Board met at the residence of the Bishop, June 4, 1860, and completed their organization for the year, by the appointment of the proper Committees, and Rev. W. R. Babcock, Secretary, and James B. Dow, Treasurer. Certificates of election were presented by the following Clerical Delegates :

From the Eastern District Association, the Rev. Drs. Edson, Mason and Nicholson.

From the Southern District Association, the Rev. Drs. Randall and Vail, and Rev. W. R. Babcock.

From the Western District Association, the Rev. Messrs. Shaw, Bowden and Richards.

The Board has received no notice of the appointment of Delegates by the Central Association.

Thirteen Parishes have been represented by one Lay Delegate each, namely :

Trinity Church, Boston, by Benj. P. Richardson.  
 St. Paul's Church, Boston, by James B. Dow.  
 Grace Church, Boston, by Geo. W. Frothingham.  
 Church of the Advent, Boston, by F. E. Oliver, M. D.  
 St. Mark's Church, Boston, by Francis J. Parker.  
 St. Paul's Church, Brookline, by Geo. A. Brown.  
 Christ Church, Cambridge, by Samuel Batchelder.  
 St. John's Church, Jamaica Plain, by Daniel B. Hagar.  
 Christ Church, Waltham, by Andrew H. Ward, Jr.  
 St. James's Church, Roxbury, by Charles McBurney.  
 St. Thomas's Church, Taunton, by Samuel L. Crocker.  
 St. Peter's Church, Salem, by George A. Perkins, M. D.  
 St. Anne's Church, Lowell, by Wm. A. Burke.

The appropriations during the year have been as follows :

|                                 |   |   |   |   |        |
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| To the Missionary at Nantucket, | - | - | - | - | \$200  |
| " " Wood's Hole,                | - | - | - | - | 200    |
| " " Swansea,                    | - | - | - | - | 100    |
| " " Vandeusenville,             | - | - | - | - | 150    |
| " " Stockbridge,                | - | - | - | - | 100    |
| " " Lee,                        | - | - | - | - | 200    |
| " " Ashfield,                   | - | - | - | - | 100    |
| " " New Boston,                 | - | - | - | - | 100    |
| " " Otis,                       | - | - | - | - | 100    |
| " " North Adams,                | - | - | - | - | 400    |
| " " Chicopee,                   | - | - | - | - | 200    |
| " " East Boston,                | - | - | - | - | 200    |
| " " Auburndale,                 | - | - | - | - | 150    |
| " " St. Luke's, Chelsea,        | - | - | - | - | 100    |
| " " St. John's, Lowell,         | - | - | - | - | 300    |
| " " Danvers,                    | - | - | - | - | 200    |
| " " Southboro',                 | - | - | - | - | 200    |
| " " Chelmsford,                 | - | - | - | - | 50     |
| Total,                          | - | - | - | - | \$3050 |

These appropriations were made, in several instances, for only a part of the year, and in the case of Nantucket and Chicopee, they have not been called for, neither of those Parishes having had a settled clergyman during the year.

The Report of the Treasurer shows the sum actually paid the Missionaries, and announces the fact that the Board is now free from debt.

The Treasurer acknowledges the receipt of the following sums, namely.

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| For the Massachusetts Board of Missions, - - | \$2092.36 |
| From the Eastern District Association, - -   | 1058.97   |
| From the Southern District Association, - -  | 880.29    |
| <hr/>                                        |           |
| Total, - - - - -                             | \$4031.62 |

Other contributions for Missionary purposes within the Diocese may have found their way from the District Associations to the persons for whom they were designed, without passing through the hands of the Treasurer. But for the sake of imparting greater unity to the operations of the Board, as well as of securing more accurate knowledge of whatever is transpiring in this department of the Missionary field, the Board recommend the several District Associations to place their local appropriations in the common treasury, and to instruct their Missionaries to draw on the Treasurer of the Board, for the same.

It is cheering to see, on referring to the appropriations of former years, that many Parishes which have been aided by this Board are now among the liberal friends of Church extension in the Diocese. No parish should voluntarily remain a pensioner of this Board, when it is able to assume an independent position. In many of the rural districts, however, where the population is sparse, and the friends of our Church are neither numerous nor wealthy, as well as in some of the more populous towns, where the Church is comparatively a stranger, the fostering care of the Board must be patiently exercised. We would not hesitate to plant our Church in fields which present a fair prospect of a sure, even though a slow, growth. Neither should we withhold our aid from Parishes which have been compelled to struggle against

the weakness of a protracted infancy, so long as there exists a reasonable promise of a vigorous manhood.

In relation to those Churches which have remained from year to year, upon our list of beneficiaries, and whose condition has often been presented in our Annual Reports to this Convention, it will suffice to say, that while some are believed to be advancing toward a position of independence, most, if not all, exhibit a degree of prosperity, which justifies the expenditures, which have been made on their behalf.

There are other and newer Missionary Stations, which demand a special notice.

During the past year, an effort has been made by persons at *Southborough*, to introduce the services of our Church. The Rev. J. R. Peirce having been engaged by them, as their Minister, he was appointed a Missionary of the Board, Feb. 1, 1861, with an appropriation, at the rate of two hundred dollars, for the remainder of the year. Through the liberality of a Parishioner, a temporary Chapel has been provided, and the friends of the enterprise look forward to the permanent establishment of our Church there.

In the month of July, an appropriation of fifty dollars was made by the Board, and the services of our Church were temporarily held in *Chelmsford*, upon the advice, and under the direction, of the Rev. Dr. Edson. In addition to the gratification thus afforded to a few Episcopalians residing there, a favorable impression is said to have been made upon the surrounding community, encouraging the hope, that the bread, thus cast upon the waters, will be found after many days.

Under the auspices of the Eastern District Association, a Parish has been recently organized in the town of *Framingham*. The Rev. R. F. Putnam has been elected to the Rectorship, and has entered upon his duties, with encouraging prospects of success. A hall has been rented, a congregation has been gathered, and the good will of the community has been secured, in a remarkable degree, by the services of the last few months. With the blessing of God upon the exertions of its Minister and mem-

bers, the Board anticipate a career of prosperity and usefulness for this infant Parish.

Since the meeting of the last Convention, the new Church at *Danvers* has been completed, paid for, and consecrated by the Bishop to the service of God. Such an auspicious result of the faithful labors of the Missionary, and of the exertions of generous Laymen of that Parish, is viewed by the Board with peculiar satisfaction.

The Missionary Stations at *East* and *North Attleborough* are still under the special care of the Southern District Association, from which the Missionary in charge receives an annual appropriation of six hundred dollars. Formidable difficulties have been encountered, in the prosecution of his work, during the past year. Financial embarrassments have well nigh paralyzed the energies of those towns, and many of the inhabitants have sought other fields of labor. But there has been no abatement of the efforts of the Missionary, nor of the interest of the worshippers. It is hoped that the means and material will, in due time, be supplied for the permanent growth of the Church.

In the village of *Hyde Park*, is another Missionary Station, which has been chiefly sustained by the contributions of the Churches connected with the Southern Association. A Parish has been organized, the Rev. Mr. Washburn has accepted the charge of it, a church is nearly completed; and we may hope that, with God's blessing, the growth of this young Parish will be commensurate with that of the village which is rapidly extending around it.

The Board have the satisfaction of reporting the formation of a second Parish in the city of *Lowell*. This has been done with the approval, and in no small part through the exertions, of the esteemed Rector of St. Anne's Church in that city. The Rev. Charles W. Homer has the charge of this newly gathered congregation. He has been appointed a Missionary of the Board, with an appropriation of three hundred dollars a year, and receives the like sum from the Eastern Association. Already are the services in this new Parish well attended — a large number of

Candidates have been presented to the Bishop for confirmation — the corner-stone of a Church has recently been laid, and the elements of a vigorous Parish are being rapidly developed.

The foregoing sketch indicates the work which the Board have had in hand, during the past year. Including the special appropriations made by the Eastern and Southern Associations, aid has been rendered to nearly twenty Missionary Stations. When we think of the valuable results of so much faithful labor, we are grateful for the instrumentality which we have been permitted to exercise. When we think of the meagre sum which we have had, to apportion among these laborers, and of the opening fields which invite our exertions, we feel painfully how inadequate have been the means placed at our disposal.

At a meeting of the board held in December, 1860, a Report was presented by a Committee previously appointed to consider "The great evil of so many Parishes in this Diocese being without Pastors, while so large a number of Clergymen are without Parishes." The subject was deemed to be of such importance, that a member of the Board was appointed to bring it to the notice of a Union Meeting of the Eastern and Southern Associations, then about to be holden in this city. The Secretary of the Board was also instructed to present it to this Convention, in connection with the Annual Report. It would be impracticable, however, to offer an extended statement of the various points embraced in the Report of the Committee. Should the Convention see fit to refer this portion of the Secretary's Report to a select Committee, the evil in question, the remedy for it which was suggested, and the method by which it was proposed to double the pecuniary resources of the Board, would doubtless be presented for the consideration of this body.

In conclusion, the Board would express their conviction of the importance of the work entrusted to them — of the need of more liberal and systematic contributions to the treasury — and of the paramount necessity of fervent prayers for the blessing of the Holy Spirit, "without whom, nothing is strong, nothing is holy."

For the Board,

W. R. BABCOCK, *Secretary.*

On motion,

*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed by the Chair, to whom shall be referred so much of the foregoing Report as relates to the payments of the Associations being made through the Treasurer of the Board, and also to the employment of clergymen without Parishes.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That this Committee consist of three.

The Chair appointed the Rev. Theodore Edson, D.D., the Rev. G. S. Converse, and Ira Cleveland.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the report of the Board of Missions to Seamen, read yesterday by the Rev. Geo. D. Wildes, be received and entered upon the Journal.

The Rev. Geo. M. Randall, D.D., Secretary of the Standing Committee, made the following annual Report of the doings of that Body:—

### **Report of the Standing Committee.**

The Standing Committee herewith present the Report of their doings for the past conventional year:

The Committee was duly organized on the 11th day of June, A. D. 1860, by the choice of the Rev. Chas. Mason, D. D., as President, and the Rev. Geo. M. Randall as Secretary. The Committee have held thirteen meetings. They have signed Canonical Testimonials of the Rev. John Vaughn Lewis, Rev. Richard F. Putnam and Rev. Frederick D. Huntington, D. D., Deacons, recommending them to be admitted to the Order of the Priesthood.

They have signed the Canonical Testimonials in favor of Abner T. Brush, F. D. Huntington, D. D., Alvan H. Washburn and Wm. R. Huntington, applying to be admitted to the Order of Deacons.

They have signed the Canonical Testimonials of O. W. Whitaker, Edward Hale, Geo. S. Payne, Chas. Learoyd, Daniel S.

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Preston and Edmund Squire, recommending them to be admitted didates for Holy Orders.

They have given their Canonical consent to the formation of a new Parish in the city of Lowell, and also of a new Parish in city of Cambridge, and a new Parish in the village of Hyde Park, in accordance with Sect. 2, Can. V., Title III. of the Digest of Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States.

They have approved bills in favor of the Rev. Jos. H. Clinch and the Rev. Samuel B. Babcock.

GEO. M. RANDALL, *Secretary*.

Which report was, on motion, accepted.

The Rev. Samuel B. Babcock, Treasurer of the Convention, made a statement of the condition of the Treasury.

The Rev. James A. Bolles, D.D., from the Finance Committee, made the following Report:—

### **Report of the Finance Committee.**

The Committee Report that the Treasurer be empowered to pay the travelling expenses of Clerical members making application, provided the Parishes, of which said Clerical applicants are ministers, have paid the annual quota as required by Canon of 1849, "Respecting contingent expenses."

Which report was, on motion, accepted.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed who shall report to the next Convention Rules for the Order of Business, defining the necessary Committees of this Convention and their duties, and the order in which the elections shall be made, and in which ordinary matters of business devolving upon this body shall be conducted.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Committee consist of five members, three clerical and two lay.



The Chair appointed the Rev. Thos. H. Vail, D.D., the Rev. Chas. Mason, D.D., the Rev. Thomas R. Lambert, James S. Amory and Joseph G. Moody.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Finance Committee be required to amend their Report, specifying the names of those whose travelling expenses are to be paid, and the amount to be paid to each.

The hour having arrived for the election of officers, it was, on motion,

*Resolved*, That in the election of the Standing Committee, balloting be dispensed with, and that the same persons elected last year, be re-elected, viz. :

*Standing Committee.*

*Clergy.*

*Laity.*

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| The Rev. Geo. M. Randall, D.D., | Wm. Appleton,    |
| “ Wm. R. Nicholson, D.D.,       | Otis Daniell,    |
| “ Charles Mason, D.D.,          | Chas. H. Parker. |

On motion,

*Resolved*, That in the election of a Board of Missions to Seamen, balloting be dispensed with.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Board elected last year be re-elected, viz. :

*Board of Missions to Seamen.*

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| Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D.D., | Geo. A. Brown,       |
| Rev. Wm. R. Nicholson, D.D.,    | Stephen G. Deblois,  |
| Rev. George D. Wildes,          | Russel Sturgis, Jr., |
| Rev. George S. Converse,        | Richard Girdler,     |
| James S. Amory,                 | E. P. Tileston,      |
| Benj. C. Clark,                 | Charles E. Howard.   |
| Charles H. Parker,              |                      |

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the increase of the Episcopal Fund be the same as last year.

Leave of absence was requested by the Rev. E. M. P. Wells, D.D., and Rev. Theodore Edson, D.D., which, on motion, was granted.

The Rev. Theo. Edson, D.D., from the Committee on the Report of the Board of Missions, made a report, which, on motion, was laid on the table, pending the discussion of other matters.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the above Report be taken from the table.

The Committee on the two subjects of recommendation of the Board of Missions beg leave to report :

That the scheme for increasing the income of the Board in the way alluded to was favorably considered. But in consideration of the disturbed condition of business affairs, it is deemed inexpedient to act upon it at the present time.

That in regard to the district treasuries, the Committee also recommended that subject to be passed over for the present.

Respectfully submitted,

THEODORE EDSON,  
G. S. CONVERSE,  
I. CLEVELAND.

The foregoing Report was, on motion, accepted.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on receiving and entertaining visitors to the Convention, be continued for the ensuing year. (See Appendix.)

The Rev. A. L. Baury presented the Report of the Treasurer of the Society for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, which Report was accepted. (See Appendix.)

On motion.

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Clergymen of the several Parishes, to make a Collection during the Season of Lent, in aid of the funds of the Society for relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen.

On motion.

*Resolved*, That the subject of appointing the Preacher of the Missionary Sermon before the next Convention be referred to the Board of Missions.

The hour having arrived for the order of the day, the Report of the Committee on the Will of the late William Price was taken up.

After the matter had been debated at some length, it was, on motion.

*Resolved*, That this Convention now adjourn to re-assemble at 4 o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The minutes of the morning Session were read and approved.

The discussion on the Will of the late William Price was resumed. Several members of the Convention expressed their views on the subject, and at length, the resolution proposed by the Committee, passed with amendment, as follows : —

*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to confer with the Attorney-General of the Commonwealth, for the instituting of proper proceedings to ascertain and enforce the public charities established by the late William Price. But the Committee shall not be allowed to employ counsel or incur other expenses about such proceedings to be paid by the Diocesan Convention.

On motion.

*Resolved*, That Richard H. Dana, Jr., and Geo. M. Browne, Esqs., constitute this Committee.

The Rev. J. S. Stone, D. D., from the Executive Committee, made the following Report :

The Executive Committee respectfully report,

That they recommend the Church in Springfield as the *place*, and the second Wednesday in *June* as the *time*, for the holding of the next Annual Convention of this Diocese; the Rev. T. F. Fales as the *preacher* of the Annual Sermon, and the Rev. W. R. Babcock, as the *substitute*.

For the Committee,

JOHN S. STONE, *Chairman*.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Report of the Executive Committee be amended by substituting Trinity Church, Boston, for the Church in Springfield.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That said Report be also amended by substituting the third Wednesday in May, for the second Wednesday in June.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the recommendation of said Committee respecting the preacher and substitute be adopted.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That this Convention adjourn to meet in this place to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Adjourned.

*Friday, 9 o'clock, A. M.*

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Josiah P. Tustin, Rector of Grace Church, New Bedford.

The minutes of the afternoon Session of yesterday were read and approved.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the form of Parochial Report printed on the Cover of the Journal be amended by making three divisions under the head of Missionary Contributions, so as

to include Foreign Missions, Domestic Missions, and Diocesan Missions.

The Rev. Geo. M. Randall, D. D., from the Committee on the Bishop's Address, made the following Report :

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to the present condition of National affairs, beg leave respectfully to report :

That having considered that portion of the Address assigned to them, and concurring with its sentiments, they recommend the adoption by the Convention of the following Preamble and Resolutions : —

*Whereas*, a state of rebellion against the lawful government of these United States exists in one portion of the Federal Union and, *whereas*, loyalty to the constituted authority of the United States, is no less clearly expressed in our ritual than warmly cherished in our hearts, therefore, —

*Resolved*, That the Convention of Clerical and Lay Delegates of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Massachusetts, do hereby express their heartfelt sympathy with the National Government in all right efforts to uphold the Constitution and vindicate the authority of the FEDERAL UNION against "all sedition, privy conspiracy and rebellion."

*Resolved*, That the Liturgy of this Church affords a standing pledge, that the Protestant Episcopal Church in these United States will be faithful in prayer for "all in authority over us," and for the perpetuity and increase of all those blessings which can be secured to us, from such a government as ours, when firmly sustained and wisely administered.

For the Committee,

GEORGE M. RANDALL.

On motion, it was unanimously

*Resolved*, That the preamble of said Report be adopted.

On motion.

*Resolved, unanimously*, That the first resolution appended to the Report be adopted.

On motion,

*Resolved, unanimously*, That the second resolution appended to the Report be adopted.

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The Rev. Geo. M. Randall, D. D., Registrar of the Diocese, made the following Report :

The Church Registrar of this Diocese reports to the Convention, that during the past Conventional year, he has received a copy of Bishop Griswold's Address, A. D. 1816, and also a circular of the Prayer Book and Episcopal Tract Society for the year 1816, from the Rev. Edward Ballard.

He has received the following from the late Miss Mary Cotting :—

Sermon by the Rev. Alexander V. Griswold, Bishop elect, preached before the first Convention of the Eastern Diocese, A. D., 1811; a copy of Bishop Griswold's Charge, A. D., 1814; Bishop Griswold's Pastoral letter, 1821; five Sermons by the Rev. J. S. J. Gardner, D. D.; Historical Discourse by the Rev. S. B. Babcock.

There have been received from the Rev. Edward Ballard, two volumes of Journal of Massachusetts Convention, from 1828 to 1850;

From the Rev. N. G. Allen, a manuscript copy of a Sermon by Bishop Bass;

From the Rt. Rev. Bishop Eastburn, the Book of Records of the Convention of the Eastern Diocese.

He has received from William Parker, Esq., a copy of the Historical Memoir of the Boston Episcopal Charitable Society.

GEO. M. RANDALL, *Church Registrar*.

Leave of absence for the remainder of the Session was, on motion, granted to the Rev. John S. Stone, D. D.

Mr. Harrison Fay, from the Committee on unfinished business, reported that the only matter lying over from the last Convention is the motion found on the 44th page of the Journal of 1860, on the alteration of Article III. of the Constitution.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That this subject be indefinitely postponed.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Convention be au-

thorized to have one thousand copies of the Journal printed, and that the various incorporated Societies of the Diocese be added in the Appendix.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Secretary be empowered to forward the Journals of the Convention to the Rectors of the several Parishes, within one month from the time of publication.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That this Convention accept for consideration a proposed alteration of Article III. of the Constitution, in the following form : After the words "a stated worshipper of the Parish which he represents," insert the words "*and a baptised member of the Church.*"

On motion,

*Resolved*, That this Convention accept for consideration a proposed alteration of Article III. of the Constitution, in the following form : —

Strike out all in Article III. after "Clergymen," so that it will read, "every other Clergymen of whatever order, in the Church, actually and canonically resident in the Diocese, and performing, when called upon, any or all the functions of the Clerical Office, — unless by physical causes prevented, — shall be entitled to a seat and vote in this Convention. And every Parish in union with this Convention shall be entitled to send *one* and not more than *three* lay Delegates, who shall be communicants of the Church they represent, and whose certificate, as such, signed by either the Rector, the Wardens or Parish Clerk, shall, before admission to seats, be laid before the Convention. These several Parish lay Delegates shall, on a division by orders, be entitled to but one vote. To be an actual resident, the Clergyman shall reside in the Diocese *six* months next before the meeting of the Convention."

On motion,

*Resolved*, That after the reading of the minutes and the usual devotional exercises, the Convention adjourn.

The minutes of the Session were then read and approved.

The members of the Convention then united in singing the "Gloria in Excelsis," and after prayer and benediction by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

Attest:

JOSEPH H. CLINCH, *Secretary*.



## APPENDIX.

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### PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

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#### **Suffolk County.**

##### *Trinity Church, Boston.*

THE BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE, Rector.

THE REV. ALEXANDER G. MERCER, D. D., Assistant Minister  
on the Greene Foundation.

Baptisms, (adults 1, infants 12,) 13. Marriages, 7. Burials, 19. Confirmed, 10. Communicants, about 370. Sunday scholars, 125. Teachers, 17.

The contributions, so far as ascertained, have been the following:—Communion offerings, \$993.23; Diocesan Missions, \$352.11; Foreign Missions, \$122.36; American Church Missionary Society, \$531.15; City Missions, \$780; For building churches in this Diocese, \$795; Education in Kenyon College, \$70; Griswold College, \$101; Collected at the Price Lectures, \$116.24; American Bible Society, \$356; Evangelical Knowledge Society, \$1; Diocesan Board of Missions for Seamen, \$911; Seamen's Clothing Fund, \$86.16; Trinity Church Charitable Society for Clothing the Poor, \$221.62; Church Home for Orphan and Destitute Children, \$265; House of the Good

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Samaritan, \$3146; For sufferers by the Massacre in Syria, \$221.04; Offertory Collection at Convention for Society for Relief of Widows and Orphans of Clergymen, \$39.83; other benevolent objects, \$129. The whole amount is \$9237.74.

*Christ Church, Boston.*

THE REV. JOHN T. BURRILL, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 20, adults 3,) 23. Confirmed, 7. Communicants: died or removed, 6; added, 30; present number, 80. Marriages, 12. Burials, 9. Sunday School Scholars, 86; Teachers, 10. Contributions: Communion Offerings, \$92.41; American Church Missionary Society, \$61; American Bible Society, \$5.55; Evangelical Knowledge Society for publications received, \$10.90; Sunday School, \$17; Contributions in the Parish for repairs on the Church, \$860.50; Total, \$1047.36.

During four months of the past year, the Church was closed for repairs. The work was completed and the Church re-opened for divine service Nov. 22. Most kindly has Providence smiled upon us in this important enterprise. Nor can we fail to record our grateful sense of the warm and substantial sympathy manifested by the friends of this parish from the very commencement of the work. We have now a cheerful and beautiful sanctuary for the worship of the Most High; and, with his blessing upon the services within these time-hallowed walls, it is believed that the outlay of the past year will be returned in the prosperity of years to come.

*St. Paul's Church, Boston.*

THE REV. W. R. NICHOLSON, D.D., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 16, adults 1,) 17. Confirmed, 15. Communicants, about 400. Burials, 4. Marriages, 12. Contributions: Communion Alms, \$740.28; for Sunday School of Parish, \$193.01; Seamen's Clothing Society, \$105.41; City Mission,

\$100; Diocesan Mission, \$475.40; General Domestic Committee, \$50; American Church Missionary Society, \$663.53; Foreign Missions, \$666.02; Philadelphia Society for the West, \$200; Missions among Jews, \$99.99; E. K. Society, \$40; Education for Ministry, \$200; Society for Widows and Orphans, \$25; Irish Society, \$100.03; American Bible Society, \$393; Other benevolent objects, \$300; from Ladies' Missionary Society, \$277.13; Total, \$4628.80.

*Grace Church, Boston.*

THE REV. CHARLES MASON, D.D., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 15, adults 3,) 18. Communicants: added, 25; died or removed, 23; present number, about 200. Confirmed, 10. Marriages, 7. Burials, 10. Sunday School: Teachers, 22; Scholars, 135. Missionary Contributions: General Board, \$235; Diocesan Board, \$208; Board of Missions for Seamen, \$50; St. Mark's Hospital, Cape Palmas, \$218; American Bible Society, \$60; Irish Society for distributing Bibles, \$50; Education for the Ministry, \$203; Church Home for Orphan and Destitute Children, \$1451; Communion Offerings, \$385; Other Offerings for the Poor, \$250; Fund for Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, \$40; Clerical Fund, \$20; Other charitable objects, including sums given for St. Stephen's House, and the House of the Good Samaritan, \$1625; Total, \$4795.

The above contributions, with the exception of about \$600, were for objects without the parish.

*Church of the Messiah, Boston.*

THE REV. GEO. M. RANDALL, D.D., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 31, adults 4,) 35. Confirmed, 13. Communicants: added, 45; died or removed, 43; present number, 352. Burials, 16. Marriages, 11. Sunday Schools: Parish

School—Scholars 202, Teachers 25, Librarians 2; Mission School—Scholars 60, Teachers 10; Total, 297. Contributions: Communion Alms, \$392.83; Ladies' Circle for the Poor, \$60; Other Charities, \$115; Collections for the Sunday School, \$60.40; Collections in the Sunday School for Missions, \$220.24; Other Missionary Collections, \$145.76. From these, were appropriated to Diocesan Missions, \$134.50; General Domestic, \$100; Foreign, \$40; Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union, \$50; Collection for the American Bible Society, \$67.40; Visitor of the Poor, \$104; Society for the increase of the Ministry, \$26.71; Society for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, \$27.42; For aiding in the erection of Churches, \$111.27; Seamen's Aid Society, \$12.50; Lawrence University, \$20; Church Home. \$41; For purposes within the parish, \$618; Total, \$2045.27.

A Mission Sunday School has been recently organized, and is efficiently at work. The Lay Association bids fair to be the means of much good. The parish, generally, was never more united or more active.

*Church of the Advent, Boston.*

THE REV. JAMES A. BOLLES, D.D., Rector.

THE REV. M. P. STICKNEY, Assistant.

Baptisms, (infants 29, adults 15,) 44. Communicants: added, 48; died or removed, 10; present number, about 440. Confirmed, 36. Marriages, 16. Burials, 20. Sunday School: Scholars, 132; Teachers, 20. Offerings: On Sundays and other holy days, \$9834.47; in Sunday School, \$78; Alms Chest, \$822.70; Total, \$10,735.17:—appropriated as follows: For purposes within the Parish, \$9367.47; Without the Parish, \$467; For the Poor of the City and Parish, \$822.70; Otherwise contributed for the education of young men for the Ministry, \$212.24.

The Rector is also aware of large sums contributed by indi-

vidual members of the Parish for the building of churches and for missionary purposes, the exact amount of which he is unable to state.

*St. Mark's Church, Boston.*

THE REV. C. F. KNIGHT, Rector.

Baptisms, (adults 6, infants 32,) 38. Communicants: added, 56; died or removed, 18; total, 261. Confirmed, 16. Marriages, 2. Burials, 15. Contributions: For Diocesan Missions, \$185; other religious purposes without the Parish, \$54; Offertory for the Poor, \$307.37; Alms Chest, \$44.97; other religious purposes within the Parish, \$91.78; Total, \$683.12.

*St. Stephen's Chapel, Boston.*

REV. E. M. P. WELLS, D.D., Missionary.

THE REV. JOHN L. WATSON, D. D., Assistant Minister.

Baptisms, 73. Confirmed, 35. Communicants: Too variable and irregular to be definitely stated. Marriages, 37. Burials, 45. Catechizings "openly in the Church" 14. Contributions and Donations by the Parish, for Missionary and other Church work, \$948.36. Sunday School Teachers, 20; Scholars 150; actual attendance, 130.

The services in Church have been 778. At which 185 sermons and addresses have been delivered. The Holy Communion has been administered in Church, and to the infirm and dying, 25 times.

The annual amount given at, and from, St. Stephen's House, as per the late annual report, was \$5,602.86, \$4,844, of which was expended as follows: 36,282 meals; 7,716 lodgings; 1,640 loaves given out to families; 1,136 parcels of tea and sugar; 467 small bags of flour and meal; 1,670 pairs of shoes, socks, trowsers, jackets, shirts, &c.; 102 large bed comforters and blankets; 218 weeks' rent; 143 weeks' nursing and care of the sick, and cases of special relief, in sickness; 148 parcels of fuel;

1,789 day's work and jobs done by the poor, and for the poor, and fairly paid for ; 902 articles made by the poor, and for the poor, and fairly paid for.

The average number of meals, the past winter — say four months — has been 200, per day.

For the past eight months, we have had the services of the Rev. Dr. Watson. The visiting of families ; the consolation to the afflicted and the comfort of the sick and dying, are now more thoroughly attended to.

*St. Matthew's Church, South Boston.*

THE REV. FREDERICK WILSON, M. A., Rector.

Baptisms, (adults 4, children 12, infants 41,) 57. Confirmed, 24. Communicants : found on the books when taking charge of the Parish, 85 ; died 6 ; added, 51 ; present number, 130. Sunday Scholars, 190 ; Teachers, 19. Marriages, 13. Burials, 21. Offerings : for the poor, \$93.03 ; Current expenses, \$353.45 ; Towards building fund, \$233.41 ; Sunday scholars, \$176.97 ; For families of soldiers, \$22.34 ; Domestic and Foreign Board of Missions, \$37.29 ; Danville Mission, Canada East, \$9.00 ; Other offerings for special purposes, \$38.75. Total, \$964.24.

The above statistics, more especially as regards the offerings of the congregation, embrace only a period of eight months, (the time that the present Rector has had charge of the Parish.)

The services in this Church are ; Morning and Evening Prayer, daily. Celebration of the Holy Communion on all Sunday and Holy-Days throughout the year, on the Evening of Thursday in Holy-Week, and at the early services held at sunrise on Easter morning. The children of the Sunday School are catechized publicly, in Church, every Sunday throughout the year, at the afternoon service, by the Rector. During Lent, the Rector preached every evening a series of discourses upon the miracles of our blessed Lord. The attendance upon the services has largely increased—the Church, at times, being entirely filled ; and God's blessing has rested both temporally and spiritually upon the Parish. To Him be all the praise !

*St. John's Church, East Boston.*

THE REV. HENRY McCLORY, Rector.

Families about 60. Baptisms 8. Marriages 4. Burials 6. Communicants about 50.

I accepted the Rectorship of this Parish on Easter Sunday, the 31st of last March.

I find that there is much to be done here in the way of building up and strengthening the Parish ; and both Pastor and people should invoke the Divine blessing on their united labors.

*Diocesan Mission to Seamen.**Chapel 293 Commercial Street, Boston.*

Cheered by the favoring smiles of the Great Head of the Church ; sustained by the prayers and contributions of its friends ; this Mission has continued its operations through the past year, and, to some extent, fulfilled its part in the great work which the Church has undertaken for the benefit of Seamen.

Divine Service has been conducted at the Chapel twice on each Sunday, without a single omission during the year. The number of Seamen and others who have attended these services has been very encouraging. The morning congregation has increased, and in the evening the Chapel is invariably well filled. The attendance of Seamen depends very much upon the exertions made to invite them in ; such exertions, when they have been made, have been in an eminent degree successful. Our late lamented friend, Mr. Benjamin Howard, whose sudden removal is still fresh in the memory of us all, was warmly engaged for the success of this Mission. He prepared a beautiful notice of our meetings held at the Chapel, of which thousands have been distributed on the wharves, on ship-board, and in boarding-houses ; and by means of which, hundreds of Seamen have been brought to our Chapel. While our beloved brother rests from his labors, the work in which he took so great an interest is still going on. But we need more warm hearted, zealous Christians

to engage in it. Indeed, the great want of our Mission at the present time, is the co-operation of a few devoted laymen, to go forth on the Sabbath into the haunts of Seamen, and induce them to attend our religious services. By their personal efforts, by a word of Christian sympathy, and the ever-working blessing of God, hundreds of seamen who are now spending their Sundays in idleness and dissipation, might be brought under the sound of the Gospel. With all the laborers that are now in this field of Christian effort, the work is not half done. Every Sunday there are new faces in our congregations, some of whom acknowledge that it is the first time they have attended a religious service for years, although they have often been in this port. Are there not young men in our Church, whose hearts are burning within them to do something for their Master's cause, who would be willing to engage in this work, and thus become instrumental of sending the Gospel, through these sons of the ocean, to the most distant shores? In the early part of the year, a band of faithful, earnest workers was attached to our Chapel, and through their exertions the congregations were largely increased. Owing to various causes, they are now scattered abroad in different parts of the world, and but for the untiring efforts of our Treasurer, the Hon. B. C. Clark, whose devotion to the interests of Seamen is deserving of the highest praise, the congregations could not be kept so large as they are.

The Chapel has been opened for religious services every Tuesday evening. These services are opened and closed in the same manner as the Monday morning meetings at the Sunday School room of Trinity Church. Sailors and others present are invited to make remarks and to offer prayer. A similar meeting is held after the regular services on Sunday evenings, and has proved very profitable. On frequent occasions, one or more persons have manifested their desire for salvation, and requested prayers on their behalf; while others have spoken of the peace which they have found in believing. Meetings of this sort seem to be required in view of the character and wants of those for whose benefit this Mission is sustained, and the blessing of God has evidently attended them. In no previous year of my ministry in



the Church, have I seen so much religious interest manifested, as during the past year; and I cannot doubt that in many cases it has been deep and abiding. Some have gone on board their ships and sailed before anything could be ascertained as to the results, while others have left behind them pleasing evidences of a radical change. In an enterprise of this character, which consists in so great a degree of "casting bread upon the waters," we are doubtless justified in the belief that much good is accomplished, unperceived by us, but which will be known in the great day of eternity.

The Lord's Supper is regularly administered on the first Sunday of each month, in the evening, to a little band of communicants who are strongly attached to the services of our Chapel.

In order that I may have an opportunity of seeing and conversing with the Sailors personally, I have an appointment for Tuesday and Friday of each week, to meet them at my room in the Chapel. Many have called upon me during the year, some for temporal assistance, and others for the purpose of conversing with me.

Of the number of those who have professed to find peace in believing, six have been confirmed by the Bishop; and others would have been, could they have remained. But their ships were ready for sea, and they have sailed to distant lands; promising, however, that they will improve the first opportunity that offers, when they return. The number of Baptisms in the Chapel has been, (adults 3, infants 8,) 11. Marriages of seamen 4, burials 2. One of the latter was Mrs. Mary Ann Patten, over whose remains the grave has but recently closed. From an address delivered in our Chapel on the occasion of her death, by the Hon. B. C. Clark, I learn, that she had been a worshipper in this place for about three years; and afforded one of the many evidences of the faithful ministrations of the former Chaplain, the Rev. Mr. Irwin. Her heroic conduct at sea, on her last voyage with her husband, rendered her an object of peculiar interest to all who visited our Chapel and saw her there. It was the last place she visited on earth, save the chamber

where she resigned her spirit into the hands of her Saviour. Her end was peace.

With respect to other statistics of our operations, it may be proper to remark, that I have no disposition to present an *array of figures*, or to make a *display of the number* of Bibles distributed, and of garments given to the poor, although I might number them each by hundreds. Suffice it to say, that I have been constantly engaged in doing this among the seamen who have visited our Chapel. Not a week has elapsed during the past year, in which I have not had the privilege of contributing to the comfort of many a poor Sailor, and of sending out copies of the word of God to cross the seas, and to be read in all parts of the world. Our Mission has also furnished a most valuable channel for Tract distribution; thousands of which have been distributed around the docks, along the wharves, and on board vessels, with words of Christian counsel and entreaty to those who have received them.

Thus, our mission has gone on with its work, quietly and unobtrusively, gathering strength, and laying a foundation for greater usefulness. God's blessing has been with us, and unto his name be the glory.

I cannot close this report without acknowledging my obligations to the Massachusetts Bible Society, the American Tract Society, the Seamen's Clothing Fund, and others, — Churches and individuals, for the means of carrying on this good work. The Mission has been liberally furnished with Bibles, tracts, religious papers and various articles of clothing; so that at no time during the year have I been without the means of helping the destitute.

J. T. BURRILL, *Chaplain.*

*Free Church of St. Mary for Sailors.*

*Richmond Street, Boston.*

THE REV. J. P. ROBINSON, Rector.

Baptisms, (adults 3, infants 23,) 26. Confirmed 9. Communicants, 95. Burials, 23. Marriages, 20. Sunday School

Teachers, 5. Scholars, 40. Contributions sent to the Rector and appropriated as directed, \$685.25; Annual subscriptions, \$980; Offertory, \$329.84; Offerings from Rector, \$160; Total, \$2,155.09. Clothing, Boots, Shoes, &c.: To shipwrecked and destitute seamen, 150 flannel shirts, 90 pairs flannel drawers, 30 cotton shirts, 15 guernsey shirts, 7 dozen pairs yarn socks, 44 second hand coats and overcoats, and 35 pairs pants. Nearly 200 garments, such as cloaks, wadded capes and skirts, dresses and various articles of under clothing for women and children, and a large number of shoes and rubbers have been given to seamen's families and others.

*Sailors' Aid Society.*—In my Report of last year I referred to the formation of this Society. It is now my privilege to record its successful operation.

The Society is known by the name of the Sailors' Aid Society of the Free Church of St. Mary for Sailors. It is composed of Ladies of different Parishes in Boston and vicinity, and has for its object the supply of garments for shipwrecked and destitute Seamen, and the relief of deserving families of seamen, by furnishing them material to make up at generous prices.

Over two hundred flannel garments given to seamen, and a portion of the woolen socks, were from this excellent organization.

May the blessed Saviour, who selected his first followers from the men of the sea, reward them for what they have done.

*Sewing School.*—This School is under the care of three Teachers, and is doing a good work among the families for whose benefit it was established.

Its plan is simple and works admirably. Material for outside and under garments is furnished, and cut out; and the children are rewarded for their industry and good behaviour by the gift of the articles they make up. In this way they are learning to help themselves, and carry a habit of economy and thrift into their families.

Through the exertions, and chiefly by the contributions of one of the Sunday School Teachers, the interior of the Church and the adjoining rooms, have been thoroughly cleansed and painted; the gas pipes removed from the aisles, where they were always

in the way, to the walls, much to the comfort of the congregation, and the improved appearance of the Church.

Another of the Teachers has so carefully instructed the larger girls of the Sunday School, in the music of the Church, that they are quite competent, with the organ, to lead the singing of the congregation.

These Teachers, by their valuable services in the Sunday School, in visiting the poor, in liberal contributions for their relief, and in their willingness to carry out the plans of the Rector, have done much in securing the prosperity of St. Mary's.

It is with devout gratitude to God, for the blessing with which He has graciously crowned the labors of the Rector of this Parish, that he is able to point to the fruits of this enterprise, as the best evidence of the Divine approval.

From the very beginning, God has raised up friends who have manfully stood by him. They have given their countenance and contributions. "Liberal men have devised liberal things." And by the aid thus generously afforded, St. Mary's has, under God, gone on with increasing strength.

The fact that near seven hundred dollars have come to the Rector through the Post Office and otherwise, from persons known and unknown, in aid of this Christian charity, is itself a gratifying evidence of the confidence which this Sailor Church has already secured among the friends of that class whose home is on the deep. It will be seen also that the total receipts are more, by one hundred dollars, than they were last year.

While the friends of Seamen have shown their interest in this work, it is but justice to the Sailors themselves, to say, that they have been by no means unmindful of their own obligations to contribute for the support of these services.

By reference to the statistics of this Report, it will be seen that the weekly offertory amounted to the sum of three hundred and twenty-nine dollars.

It has ever been the practice in this Church, since its organization, to afford to all who enjoy its privileges, an opportunity to contribute something toward defraying its expenses.

At every service a collection is made, the Rector believing that

the Sailors are well pleased with the arrangement. Their proverbial generosity, while it prompts them to respond liberally, would lead them to resent with indignation, the intimation that they were unable, or unwilling, to give of their earnings something in support of services established expressly for their benefit. They do not come to the house of the Lord as if they were infidels or paupers, for they are neither, and therefore would thank nobody to treat them as if they were too indifferent to be willing to give of their money, or too mean, or too poor to do it. They are above all this, and their full attendance year after year, and their generous contributions, show their feeling in this regard.

On the ground, therefore, of propriety, policy and principle, this Parish will continue to maintain the practice of making a collection on every occasion of public worship.

*Sunday Services.*—These are — Sunday School, at nine o'clock, and from two to half past three, P. M.

Morning Prayer and Sermon at quarter past ten; Evening Prayer and Sermon at seven during the winter, and half past seven the remaining part of the year.

At the close of the evening services, the Rector supplies those who are going to sail before another Sunday, with bibles, prayer books, testaments, books, tracts and papers, and the avidity with which they receive these books, awakens hopes of deep and peculiar interest.

Numerous instances have come to the knowledge of the Rector that these books have proved means of grace, and through the Divine blessing, instrumental in the salvation of those who had received them.

*Book Distribution.*—Bibles: English, 525; German, 7; Danish, 3; Spanish, 6; French, 5; Portuguese, 40. Testaments: English, 750; Italian, 15; German, 30; Welsh, 23; Portuguese, 115; French, 33; Swedish, 40; Danish, 32; Dutch, 10; Spanish, 20. Prayer Books: American, 600; Church of England, 60; French, 12; German, 9.

The benefit conferred upon the dwellers of the sea through the agency of these bibles and testaments in all languages, these prayer books, and religious books, tracts and papers, the day of accounts alone can reveal.

The Rector of St. Mary's, in closing this his sixteenth annual Report of labor among Seamen, while he implores God's continued blessing, commends anew this cause to the prayers and patronage of the friends of the Gospel of Christ among the Sons of the Sea.

*To the Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D.D. :*

Since the last Convention, I have been regularly engaged in the duties of my office, as Chaplain of the House of Correction and of the Boston Lunatic Hospital. At the latter Institution, I have a short service and an address every Sunday morning at 9 o'clock, to as many of the inmates as are sufficiently convalescent to attend, averaging from sixty to seventy persons ; at the former, the full Church Service and a Sermon, both forenoon and afternoon, which is attended by all the prisoners numbering about four hundred.

In addition to the Sunday Services, portions of Scripture are read, and prayer offered every afternoon, in one of the work shops of the prison. A portion of every day is occupied in conversing with the prisoners, endeavoring to turn their thoughts to subjects which concern their peace. The Hospitals are visited whenever any serious cases of sickness occur. The Prison Library is also under my care, the books being changed every week.

During the year, I have baptised eight infants, and have read the burial service over the remains of thirteen persons.

JOS. H. CLINCH,

*Chaplain of City Institutions, South Boston.*

*St. Luke's Church, Chelsea.*

THE REV. EDMUND B. PALMER, Rector.

Baptisms 12, elsewhere 3, in all 15. Marriages 2, elsewhere 1, in all 3. Burials 3, elsewhere 2, in all 5. Communicants : added, 26 ; died or removed, 22 ; present number, 51 ; families, 60. Sunday School, (Superintendent, the Rector) : Teachers, 5 ;

Scholars, about 45; average attendance, about 30. Offertory since Christmas, \$414.88. A Confirmation class waits a visitation from the Bishop.

The Parish gratefully acknowledges a present, at Easter — jointly by the Rev. Henry Gregory, D.D., of Syracuse, W. N. Y., the Rev. James A. Bolles, D.D., of Boston, and the Rector — of two beautiful carved oak Alms-basins.

Messrs. Nathan Matthews, Stephen D. Massey, and the Rev. Rector of the Church of the Advent, Boston, and Mrs. Elizabeth Palmer, have cheerfully responded and liberally contributed to the support of the Parish, since adopting the Free or Mission Church system.

Immediately upon taking charge of St. Luke's Parish, steps were taken towards abolishing the pew-rates and establishing the Offertory. On Easter Monday, therefore, an amended code of the by-laws was unanimously adopted. The following indicates the basis upon which the Offertory stands, and the Church looks for its support:

ART. xv. 1. There shall be an Offering every Sunday morning, as made and provided in the Ante-Communion Service.

2. There may be an Offering at the Evening Service.

3. Every member of the Parish shall be advised to subscribe a certain amount for the support of public worship; and any part, or all of it, may be enclosed in an envelope bearing the subscriber's name, and put into the Offertory, and the same shall be credited by the Treasurer toward the subscription.

4. Let every individual of this Parish be advised to lay aside each week, as the Lord has prospered him, and make a thank-offering of the same to the Lord in His Church, "who sees the rich of their abundance pour gifts into His Treasury and commends the widow's mite to her everlasting and eternal good."

The seats are all free.

The Parish gratefully acknowledges the sixteen years of self-denying love and labor of its former Rector, the Rev. W. S. Bartlet, to which, under God, it is indebted in a great measure for a beautiful church edifice and two valuable lots.

The Rev. Mr. Bartlet, and my immediate predecessor, the

Rev. James H. Tyng, are both residents, with their families, of Chelsea ; both of whom have my grateful acknowledgments for much comfortable information in respect to the temporal and spiritual state of the Parish.

*St. Andrew's Church, Chelsea.*

THE REV. ARTHUR MASON, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 17, adults 7,) 24. Confirmed, 8. Communicants: added, 12; removed, 9; present number, 59. Burials, 9. Sunday School: Teachers, 9; Scholars, 57. Collections at Communion, \$94.50; other collections, \$12.

Since October last, a Bible Class has met at the Rector's house every Wednesday evening.

Our Lenten Services this year were well attended, especially during Holy Week, when service was held daily, and much interest was manifested.

**Essex County.**

*St. Peter's Church, Salem.*

THE REV. WM. RAWLINS PICKMAN, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 13, adults 3,) 16. Communicants, about 250. Marriages, 2. Burials, 7. Sunday School: Teachers, 23; Scholars, 130. Contributions: Without the Parish — For Diocesan Missions, including the Eastern District Association, \$169.96; General Board, \$140; Nashotah, \$50; Kenyon College, \$15.21; Grace Church, Manchester, N. H., \$30; Kansas Sufferers, \$40.06; Margaret Coffin Prayer Book Society, \$25; Widows and Orphans of Clergy, \$39; Sunday School Offerings: For Library to Trinity Church, Hannibal, Mo., \$19; Font to Christ's Church, St. Joseph, Mo., \$15; Within the Parish — For Christmas gifts to Sunday School, \$63.25; Sunday School Library, expressage, &c., \$43.76; Communion Alms, \$218.98; Total, \$869.22.



The present Rector of St. Peter's Church entered upon his duties on the first day of October, 1860.

Divine service has been held every Sunday at 10 A. M. and at 3 P. M.

On the first Sunday afternoon of each month, the children of the Sunday School have been publicly catechised in the Church, and a service has been held at 7 1-2 P. M., and a sermon preached, addressed especially to young men.

During the Lenten Season, there was morning and evening prayer every Wednesday and Friday, also daily during Passion Week, and a lecture every Wednesday evening and on Good Friday evening.

The Holy Communion has been administered on the first Sunday in each month, also on Christmas Day and Easter Day.

*Grace Church, Salem.*

THE REV. GEORGE D. WILDES, Rector.

Number of Communicants, 60 ; died or removed, 7 ; added, 5. Confirmed, (the Bishop's Annual Visitation soon to be made.) Baptisms, 3. Marriages, 4. Burials, 9. Number of Sunday School Teachers, 13 ; Scholars, 90. Rector's Bible Class, 20. Mission Sewing School, 5 Teachers and 20 Scholars. Collections taken at the Offertory on the first Sunday of every month, \$305.89. Sunday School Collections, \$84.85. Various other sums have been generously raised within the Parish for local purposes.

From the amounts above noted as taken at the Offertory and in the Sunday School Collections, special appropriations have been made to the Eastern District Association, the Episcopal Mission for Seamen, the Board of Foreign Missions, and the Church Hospital at Cape Palmas.

Incidental appropriations have been made to various other objects outside the Parish, and the balance used in aiding the deserving poor within and beyond the Parish limits.

The Rector reports the condition of Grace Church Parish as still very encouraging. Its people continue zealous in every

good word and work, and its progress thus far thoroughly vindicates the wisdom of establishing a new church in the city of Salem. The congregations are uniformly good, and the Sunday School constantly rewarding the labors of faithful teachers by regular attendance, increased numbers, and continued interest. With the blessing of God upon the means used for a wider and deeper interest in spiritual things, the Parish cannot fail to prove among the most vigorous in the Diocese.

The Rector has learned that in his last report a failure occurred to acknowledge the indebtedness of the Parish to individuals, and especially to certain members of St. Peter's Church, in the erection and furnishing of Grace Church. At the time, the Rector was not in possession of information in the matter tending to modify his report. He learns that such acknowledgment has since been made by the proper authorities, as originally designed, and is quite sure that every acknowledgment of kindness and good-will on the part of the venerable Parish of St. Peter's, or of individuals, is, if before inadvertently omitted, now cordially recognized, no less by the proprietors of Grace Church than by himself.

*St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.*

THE REV. EDWIN B. CHASE, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 35, adults 2,) 37; and three children in a neighboring town where our Church is not established. Communicants: died, 1; removed, 1; present number, 66. Marriages, 3. Burials, 4. Sunday School: Catechists, 20; Librarians, 2; Scholars, 118; Total, 135. Contributions: Communion Alms, \$69.52; Foreign Missions, \$61.76; Domestic Missions, \$62.87; Sunday School Offering to Bishop Seabury Mission at Faribault, \$20; Christmas Tree, about \$53; Charitable and Parish Purposes, \$195.50; Sewing Circle, \$175; Total, \$637.65.

A class is awaiting confirmation. A course of highly interesting and instructive lectures to young men was delivered in

this church, on successive Tuesday evenings, through the winter, by the Rt. Rev. Bishop of the Diocese, and others of the clergy.

Especial attention has been given to the Sunday School, which has increased from twenty-five scholars, at the beginning of the conventional year, to one hundred and thirteen, the present number. It is trusted that this department of the Church's work will prove, to the younger members of Christ's flock, a true training school for their heavenly inheritance.

It is but just to say, that very much of what has been accomplished, comparatively small as that may seem to be, is due, with the blessing of God, to the zeal and devotion of the ladies of the congregation. There is a lamentable indifference to, and neglect of, religious obligations, manifested by the men.

Our venerable church, the oldest in the Diocese, erected about 1714, although endeared by pleasant associations to a few, is, by its inconvenient location, and unprepossessing exterior, a great hindrance to the growth of the Parish. With the return of peace and prosperity to our land, which may God speedily bring to pass, it is hoped that an effort will be made to erect a new and substantial church in a more desirable locality.

*St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.*

THE REV. WILLIAM HORTON, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 9, adults 2,) 11. Confirmed, 18. Communicants, about 200. Marriages, 9. Burials, 23. Sunday School: Teachers, 22; Scholars, 125; Exercise in the Catechism once a month. Contributions: Theological Education, \$150; Diocesan Missions, \$75; Domestic Missions, \$60; Foreign Missions, \$40; Communion Offerings, \$148.49; Other Charities, \$192.00; Sunday School Offerings, Africa, \$20; Domestic Missions, \$25.96. Total, \$711.45.

This ancient Parish, in its temporal and spiritual relations, is in very much the same condition as at the period of the last Report of 1860.

N. B. All except the Communion offerings are without the Parish.

*St. James's Church, Amesbury.*

THE REV. D. GORDON ESTES, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants,) 8. Communicants, 52. Marriages, 2. Burials, 1. Sunday School: Teachers, 12; Scholars, 65. Contributions: Domestic Missions, \$11.00; Communion Alms, \$33.17; Sunday School Library, \$31.24; Parochial Purposes, \$50.92. Total, \$126.33. .

*Christ Church, Andover.*

THE REV. BENJAMIN B. BABBITT, Rector.

Baptisms, (adult 1, infants 12,) 13. Communicants: added, 7; died and removed 7; present number, 120. Confirmed, 4. Marriages, 2. Burials, 14. Sunday School Scholars, 136; Teachers, 16. Contributions: Without the Parish, — Domestic Missions, \$83.70; Foreign Missions, \$52.75; Diocesan, \$51.45; Nashotah, \$38.00; Western Missions, \$27.75; Sunday School Collection for Church Book Society, \$30.90; Widows and Orphans, \$15.25; \$299.80. Within the Parish, — Sunday School, \$210.25; Parish Library, \$27.25; Alteration of Church, \$729.50; The Poor, \$60.35; Miscellaneous, \$34.27; \$1061.62. Total \$1361.42.

This year has been one of considerable activity in the Parish. The Sunday School has been thoroughly organized, and furnished with library and instruction books. The library now numbers six hundred volumes. The result has been a constant increase in the school. There has been a complete revision of the catalogue of the Parish library, which now numbers six hundred and fifty volumes.

The Church has been altered by the addition of a chancel, and new carpets have been purchased, at an expense of about \$940. A beautiful font has also been presented to the Parish, as also a marble slab for the communion table. Besides this, there has also been ordered a chancel window, which will cost,

when put in, not far from \$125. It is to be from the works of Chas. P. Davis, Utica, N. Y.

The Church-yard has been enlarged, and much has been expended in its improvement, though still more is needed.

The collections, as above reported, are \$1361.42. Of these contributions, the Communion Offertory yielded \$301.70, and the ladies collected from proceeds of a Fair, and in other ways, the sum of \$338.27.

The attendance on the services, both on Sunday and on the Lectures, as well as on the Lenten services, has been very gratifying. Indeed, in all respects the Parish has been progressing in the right direction. Still there is room for improvement, and for the prayer that the attendance on personal religion may be proportional to the advancement of the temporal interests of the Parish.

*St. Stephen's Church, Lynn.*

THE REV. EDWARD HYDE TRUE, Rector. .

Baptisms, (infants 12, adult 1,) 13. Confirmed, 3. Communicants: added, 3; lost by death, 3; present number, 62. Marriages, 3. Burials, 6. Sunday School Scholars, 33. A Bible Class, under the charge of the Rector, is connected with the Sunday School. Contributions: Offertory, \$55.32; Ladies' Sewing Society, \$54.78; Monthly Collection for incidental expenses, \$28.28; by a former member of the Sunday School, \$50, \$25 of which are to be applied to the Sunday School Library; and by another donation, \$40 were given for the same object; General Board of Foreign and Domestic Missions, \$10; Total, \$238.38.

It may be proper to state that in addition to the above contributions, several members of the Parish have, from time to time, supplied means for certain necessary repairs and refitting of the Church edifice, the procuring of lamps, &c., to the amount of not less than \$50. The children of the Sunday School have also collected, by a weekly penny collection, \$7, with a view to

the purchase of a suitable font ; and the ladies of the Parish are busily engaged in an earnest and harmonious work for the procuring of an organ. A thorough repair of the Rectory in its interior arrangements has also been accomplished within a few months.

It will be seen that the contributions have been mostly devoted to matters within the Parish. But this seemed to be an absolute necessity during the past year. We hope hereafter to be able to respond to the calls of the worthy objects of the Church *without* the Parish.

Such is the record of what St. Stephen's Church has accomplished since the last Convention. The present Rector took charge of the Parish on Trinity Sunday last, and the report that he makes ought to be considered as the record of only ten months. He does not yet feel that he has a full knowledge of the entire strength of the Parish. In all probability, there are about seventy-five families connected in some way with the Church. The Parish has had in past years a great deal of opposition to contend with ; and indeed it has been up-hill work with it ever since its first organization. And then, again, the peculiar state of the public mind in our community in reference to religious matters, infidelity on the one hand and fanaticism on the other, seeming to have complete sway over the masses in this city, has without doubt been *one* great reason why the Church of God has not achieved such a success here, as the size of the field might seem to warrant. However, by the blessing of a kind Providence, our Zion has in some measure retrieved her misfortunes, and we trust in God that a day of prosperity is yet in store for us. The whole band of communicants feel determined to work with a good will, and perseveringly looking for the increase to Him who alone is able to give it.

*Grace Church, Lawrence.*

THE REV. GEORGE PACKARD, Rector.

Baptisms, (adults 5, infants 29,) 34. Communicants : added, 15 ; died, 3 ; removed, 21 ; present number, 121. Confirmed, 9.

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Marriages, 12. Burials, 20. Sunday School: Superintendent, 1; Librarian, 1; Teachers, (Male 6, Female 12,) 18; Scholars, 150. Contributions: Offertory, \$154.52; Eastern District Missionary Association, \$60.15; Foreign Missions, \$20; Articles sent, as requested by Miss Spalding, to assist in repairs of St. Mark's Church, Cape Palmas, costing \$50; Rev. J. C. Jacobi, \$6; Society for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, \$25; City Mission, \$27.44; Towards Repairs of Church, \$180.34; Total, \$523.45.

Since the last Convention, intelligence has been received of the death of Miss L. L. K. Spalding, who went from this Parish as a Missionary to Africa; though her Missionary life was short, it was not without happy results, proving her aptness for the work to which she consecrated her life.

The improvements of the Church, for which the Ladies' Sewing Circle had raised, as by my last report, \$600, were made during the last summer. Our material house is more pleasant and attractive, and if the spiritual house had correspondingly improved, I should be able to give more encouraging statistics than I have recorded above.

Bodily indisposition during the summer, and detention by sickness from officiating in Church seven Sundays during the winter, seriously tried me, but elicited many gratifying expressions of regard from my parishoners. I wish publicly to record their attentive and generous consideration towards me, for which may the Great Head of the Church richly reward them.

*Trinity Church, Haverhill.*

THE REV. C. H. SEYMOUR, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 10, adults 2,) 12. Communicants: added, 8; died or removed, 4; present number, 60. Confirmed, 4. Marriages, 5. Burials, 4. Sunday School: Superintendent, 1; Librarian, 1; Teachers, 12; Scholars, 70. Missionary Contributions: Massachusetts Board, \$20. Other contributions

for religious purposes: Within the Parish, \$275; Without the Parish, \$25.

Through the blessing of the Divine Head of the Church, a steady and healthful progress has been vouchsafed us. Notwithstanding the general stagnation of business, and the consequent mental anxiety and depression, interest in sustaining the Church and its services has not diminished; our ability, however, to make to others a financial return for what has so generously been bestowed upon us, has not been equal to our desire. We wait for larger blessings of His Providence and Grace.

*Calvary Church, Danvers.*

THE REV. ROBERT F. CHASE, Minister.

Baptisms, (adults 3, infants 11,) 14. Communicants: added, 6; died or removed, 2; present number, 40. Confirmed, 8. Burials, 6. Sunday School Scholars, about 50. Contributions: Offertory, \$38.18; American Bible Society, \$3.12; Society for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, \$2; Domestic and Foreign Missions, (offering of the Sunday School, \$4.53,) \$9.65; Church Missionary Association of the Eastern District, \$22.04; Massachusetts Board of Missions, \$10.64; For the Relief of the Sufferers in Kansas, \$12.54; Margaret Coffin Prayer Book Society, \$3.75; Other Contributions, about \$6; Total, \$102.80.

A few years ago the Protestant Episcopal Church was scarcely known in Danvers. Now a beautiful structure has been set apart for the worship and service of Almighty God, in accordance with our solemn usages; and the number of communicants, after the approaching confirmation, will not be far from fifty.

Calvary Church was consecrated May 25th, A. D. 1860, by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese, a large number of the clergy and a numerous assembly being present.

The condition of the Parish may still be considered as promising. Though not many have been added to the number of stated worshippers during the Conventional year, yet there have



been evidences of growth in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the heart of the Missionary has been cheered and encouraged. Eight candidates were presented for confirmation in September last, and several others await the appointment of the Bishop the present month.

May God increase and multiply upon us His mercy, and to Him be ascribed all the glory and all the praise.

Since the Consecration, a bell has been presented to the Church by the Senior Warden, Joseph Adams, Esq., and a font by a lady of Grace Church, Salem.

### **Middlesex County.**

#### *Christ Church, Cambridge.*

THE REV. N. HOPPIN, D.D., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 27, adult 1,) 28. Communicants: added, 47; died or removed, 33; present number, 214. Confirmed, 8. Marriages, 7. Burials, 15. Sunday scholars enrolled, 102; largest attendance, 73; Teachers, 14. Contributions: General Foreign Missions, \$55; Massachusetts Diocesan Missions, \$53; Society for the Increase of the Ministry, \$45; Nashotah, \$41; Griswold College, \$2; Church at Holderness, N. H., \$35; St. Mary's Church, Boston, \$45; Sunday School Offerings, \$49.60; Charitable Collections, \$376.26; Objects within the Parish, \$196.55; Total, \$891.41.

#### *St. Peter's Church, Cambridgeport.*

[No Report.]

#### *St. Anne's Church, Lowell.*

THE REV. THEODORE EDSON, D.D., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 80, adults 25,) 105. Communicants: added, 108; died or removed, 58; present number, 497. Con-

firmed, 50; Marriages, 25. Burials, 62. Sunday School Scholars and Teachers, 400. Missionary Contributions: General Board, \$111; Massachusetts Board, \$225. Other contributions for religious purposes: Within the Parish, \$435.56; Without the Parish, \$709.25.

The formation of a new Parish (St. John's) in Lowell, last October, has of course drawn largely from St. Anne's. Yet notwithstanding this drain, there has been a net increase of fifty communicants to St. Anne's.

An Association of Sponsors, promising usefulness, has been formed, the object of which is twofold: that of furnishing sponsors in cases for which the parents find it not easy to obtain such as are satisfactory, and also that of exercising an associated responsibility and charge of such wards as it may become answerable for.

A Society has also been organized for the distribution and better performance of several sorts of benevolent labor in the Parish, not unsuitable to females; and it is hoped that a similar arrangement for such Church work as is more appropriate to gentlemen may yet be made.

### *St. Mary's Church, Newton Lower Falls.*

THE REV. WINSLOW W. SEVER, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 13, adults 5,) 18. Communicants: added, 14; died or removed, 7; present number, 126. Confirmed, 6. Marriages, 3. Burials, 15. Sunday School: Scholars, 120; Teachers, 17. Missionary Contributions: Domestic, for Bishop Talbot, (Sunday School, \$10.00,) \$93.68; Foreign, \$27.18; Diocesan, through Eastern District Association, \$30.00. Other Contributions, without the Parish: American Bible Society, \$33.33; Bishop H. W. Lee, for sufferers in Kansas, \$35; E. K. Society from the Sunday School, for Libraries in the West, \$10; Sunday School, for Rev. C. C. Townsend's Orphan Home, \$8. Other Contributions within the Parish: Communion Alms, \$105.68; other objects, \$55.03; Total, \$397.85.

The above contributions have been made since the 1st of September, the time at which the present Rector took charge of the Parish. The other statistics are for the Conventional year. The Sunday School has to acknowledge the receipt of *one hundred dollars*, — the liberal gift of Mr. Moses Grant, of Boston, for a new Library. The gift was the more welcome, because unsolicited, and as evincing the continued interest of the giver in the School of which he was one of the founders. The Parish appears to be prospering in all its interests.

*Grace Church, Newton Corner.*

THE REV. J. S. COPLEY GREEN, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 22, adults 4,) 26. Communicants : died or removed, 16 ; added, 15 ; present number, 88. Confirmed, 10. Marriages, 3. Burials, 10. Sunday Scholars, 90 ; Teachers and officers, 12. Contributions : Sunday School, \$98.67 ; Missionary and other purposes, \$150.20 ; Offertory, \$143.73 ; to Chapel debt, \$345.86. The present debt of the Parish is on the land, \$1450 ; on the Chapel, \$329.95.

I was absent four and a half months last Summer, and my post was supplied by the Rev. Mr. Tustin and the Rev. Mr. Field.

Contributions otherwise analyzed : To Missions, Foreign, \$22.75 ; Sunday School, \$23.69 ; Total, \$46.44. Domestic and Societies, \$107.45 ; Sunday School, \$28.85 ; Total, \$136.30. In the Parish, (to poor and towards debt,) \$529.25 ; Sunday School, \$36.75 ; Total, \$566.00. Whole amount of Contributions, \$748.74.

*St. Paul's Church, Hopkinton.*

THE REV. ALFRED L. BAURY, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants) 3. Communicants : added, 2 ; died or removed, 3 ; present number about 28. Deaths, 1. Sunday

School children, 20. Contributions, Missionary Board, \$6 ; Alms for the poor, \$18.

The services have been continued in this Parish, as in years past, every alternate Sunday from June to December. The congregations in attendance, uniformly respectable in all respects ; and on several occasions quite numerous. Two important families have removed from town, whose influence and example were important to us. May their places be soon filled. The idea is still entertained of securing the services of an assistant to the Rector. Could a zealous young clergyman, of suitable qualifications for the station be obtained, the prospects are very favorable for placing this ancient Parish on a permanent foundation.

An excellent melodeon has been purchased and paid for, since our last report ; so that the music is now Church-like and attractive ; though somewhat expensive. To meet the same, together with other incidental outlays, including repairs, etc. etc., the Rector has disposed of certain standing wood upon the glebe, from the avails of which, he hopes to contribute something towards the support of an assistant Minister.

By the pious efforts of a few ladies, from the Church of the Messiah, in Boston, who passed the Summer at Hopkinton, a Sunday School was organized, and well sustained through the season.

*St. John's Church, Charlestown.*

THE REV. THOMAS R. LAMBERT, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 53, adults 21,) 74. Communicants, 270. Confirmed, 26. Marriages, 16. Burials, 28. Sunday Scholars, 262 ; Teachers, 30 ; with Superintendent, Librarian and assistant Librarian ; Total, 295. Contributions : General Domestic Missions, \$100 ; Massachusetts Missions, \$57 ; American Bible Society, \$37 ; St. Mary's Church for Sailors, \$42 ; Nashotah, \$100 ; Sufferers in Kansas, \$28 ; Breck Mission, offering of Sunday School, \$50 ; Ladies' Chapel Association, \$70 ; Communion offerings, \$353.45 ; Total, \$837.45.

*Grace Church, Medford.*

[No Report.]

*Christ Church, Waltham.*

THE REV. THOMAS F. FALES, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 2, adults 4,) 6. Communicants: added 12; died or removed, 13; present number, 86. Confirmed, 10. Marriages, 6. Burials, 10. Sunday School: Teachers, 6; Scholars, 36. Missionary Contributions: Massachusetts Board, \$50; General Board, \$12; Sunday School Collections, \$25; Other contributions, \$172.87; Total, \$259.87.

Soon after the last Convention, the Vestry of this Parish decided, in view of the fact that the seats were all rented, that it was expedient to take measures immediately for the enlargement of the Church. The Ladies of the Sewing Circle have reserved part of their earnings for several years for this object, and were enabled promptly to subscribe \$1000 towards it. Other members of the Parish, with friends interested in its progress, contributed generously, at the solicitation of the Rector. The work was commenced in August, and completed in December. A west aisle has been added to the aisle and nave of the original structure; it has been increased in length and about one hundred and fifty sittings added to its former capacity, so that it has now accommodations for between four and five hundred persons. These alterations, with others incident to the enlargement, were made under the direction of a competent architect, Mr. Henry W. Hartwell, of Boston; and while they have increased the capacity of the Church, they have also greatly improved its architectural effect. The cost has been a little more than three thousand dollars, for which a small indebtedness still remains. The many removals to which we have been subjected, and the pressure of the times, have at present reduced our numbers and ability; but we have sufficient accommodation for future growth, and, with the blessing of God, and the return of better days to

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our afflicted country, we shall hope that this Parish may be reported as decidedly advancing in prosperity and strength.

*Trinity Church, Melrose.*

THE REV. WILLIAM H. MUNROE, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 10, adult 1,) 11. Communicants: added, 8; died or removed, 12; present number, 63. Confirmed, 8. Marriages, 7. Burials 4. Sunday School Scholars, 70. Missionary Contributions: Within the Parish, \$45; Without the Parish, Bible Society, \$7.00.

The Parish is in a healthy and prosperous condition. Next year we trust we shall be able to contribute our share to the great Missionary work.

*St. Paul's Church, Auburndale.*

THE REV. N. G. ALLEN, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 2, adult 1,) 3. Confirmed, 2. Communicants: added, 2; removed, 5; present number, 25. Marriages, 2. Burial, 1. Sunday School: Scholars, 25; Teachers, 5; Total, 30. Contributions: Communion oblations, \$52.25; Sunday School Collections, to furnish Indian children with socks, at Faribault, Min., \$10.00; Diocesan Missions, \$5.00; Domestic Missions, \$8.00; Sewing Circle, \$100.00; Total, \$175.25.

As the result of Ministerial labor in this incipient Parish, for three years and a half, the Rector would add, that 28 souls have been made members of the Church, by Baptism; 13 persons have been confirmed: \$280 have been collected, at the offertory and other occasions; \$400 by the Parochial Association, \$50 by the Sunday School.

On account of the removal of gentlemen from the Parish, who contributed \$550 towards Parochial expenses, the Rector is compelled reluctantly to relinquish this field of labor. And he can only pray, that his may be that simple commendation, pronoun-

ced by the Saviour upon one, who spent her treasure upon his sacred Person — in gratitude for sins forgiven — “*She hath done what she could.*”

*St. John's Church, Lowell.*

THE REV. C. W. HOMER, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 19, adults 11,) 30. Communicants: died, 2; present number, 100. Confirmed, 29. Marriages, 6. Burials, 6. Sunday School: Scholars, 75.

This Parish was organized last Autumn — and the first service held on the first Sunday in October, 1860. Of the 100 Communicants reported, 66 have been transferred from St. Anne's Parish.

The corner-stone of the new Church was laid on the 15th of April, 1861. It is to be of granite, from a quarry in the neighborhood. The very beautiful design was furnished by Theodore Edson Colburn, Esq., Architect. It is expected that the Church will be so far finished, that Divine service can be celebrated in it the coming Autumn.

The site chosen for St. John's, is in a part of the city where there is no place of worship of any sort, and we hope, by God's blessing, to draw in a large number of those who are at present unprovided for. Since the first of February, a third service has been held at Hale's Mills on Sunday evenings. The attendance has been very encouraging.

**Norfolk County.**

*Christ Church, Quincy.*

THE REV. HENRY BURROUGHS, Minister.

Baptisms, (infants) 18. Communicants: added, 7; died, 1; present number, 40. Burials, 6. Sunday School: Scholars, 60; Teachers, 7. Contributions for religious purposes within the Parish, \$32.00.

The three years that have elapsed since the last Report to the Diocesan Convention, constitute an eventful period in the history of this venerable Parish. It had been reduced in numbers, and left without a Pastor, and seemed to be almost on the verge of extinction, when, on the night of Saturday, the 19th of November, 1859, its House of Worship was entirely destroyed by fire. This sad calamity, instead of discouraging and dispersing the little band of Quincy Churchmen, aroused their energies; united them in a firm determination to build a substantial and durable Church; and stimulated them to immediate action.

On the next day a place of worship was secured, and the voice of prayer and praise was once more heard. On the 22d of November, the third day after the fire, a meeting was held to take measures for rebuilding the Church, and the following resolution was adopted.

*“Resolved,* That, in the presence of this sad calamity we recognize, with quickened sensibilities, our obligation to our Divine Master, and, with affectionate solicitude, our duty to this portion of his flock, to endeavor to restore with promptness, and to maintain with energy, this ancient watch-tower of our Zion—the oldest, with one or two exceptions, in our venerable Commonwealth;—and we also appeal with earnestness and with confidence, to the sympathy of our Christian brethren, soliciting their contributions in this hour of our weakness and want.”

Such faith and trust could not fail of success. \$1200 were given in answer to this appeal. The sum of \$3650 was realized from the sale of the glebe; and members of the congregation and friends in Quincy contributed \$2300.

In less than ten months from the time of the fire, a substantial and beautiful Church, with solid walls and massive buttresses of Quincy granite, and a lofty roof, covered with ornamental slate, stood complete on the site of the former wooden edifice.

The corner-stone was laid, in the absence of the Diocesan, by the Rev. Alfred L. Baury, assisted by the Rev. D. G. Haskins, and the Rev. Henry Burroughs, on Easter Monday, April 9th, 1860. The Church was consecrated on the 13th of September, in the same year, by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese, in



the presence of twenty-five of the clergy, and of a crowded congregation. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Cutler, who, when Rector of this Church, in 1827, delivered a commemorative discourse on the hundredth anniversary of its foundation.

This Church is remarkable for the unity and simplicity of its design, and for graceful elegance and harmonious beauty of details. It has been well remarked that "it is all *TRUE* — true to the principles of architecture — true to the requirements and sentiments of our ritual, and to the sense of solidity and permanence befitting a house for the worship of God." The interior is unbroken by columns or gallery, and the open roof rises to the height of fifty feet from the floor. The screens, pews, wainscoting, desk and pulpit are of solid black walnut. A marble font, the gift of Jeffrey R. Brackett, Esq., stands near the door — a remarkably elegant mural monument of white marble has been erected by Charles E. Miller, Esq., in memory of his ancestor, the Rev. Dr. Miller, the first Rector of the Parish. The building with the furnace, gas-fixtures, insurance and furniture, has cost about \$7500.

The present minister entered upon his duties on the 1st of October, 1860; since which date he has held services in the new Church on every Lord's Day, and principal holy day; and made about one hundred and fifty visits to sixty families connected with the Parish, besides performing other parochial duties, as above reported. This is the only Church of our Communion between Dorchester and Hanover. The families attending Christ Church are widely dispersed over the towns of Quincy, Braintree, Weymouth, and Hingham; while many too distant to be considered as actual members of the congregation, look to this Church as their Christian home, and depend upon its Pastor for the ordinances of religion. As a centre, for missionary operations and extensive pastoral work, it is one of the most important stations in this Diocese. Yet the number of those who contribute to its support is small; and it is only by great sacrifices and unwearied exertions, amid many discouragements, that this Church has been built, and its services sustained. Besides paying \$2300 towards the cost of the Church building, the con-

gregation have contributed, chiefly through the weekly offertory, \$900, during the past year, for the maintenance of public worship and for the poor. They are not unmindful of the importance of aiding the cause of Missions. They have only postponed that duty because other claims were more urgent.

Christ Church, Quincy, is one of our most ancient Parishes. In 1700, when King's Chapel was the only Episcopal Church in New England, some beginning was made for a Church in this place. Before 1703, a missionary was sent by the "Society for propagating the Gospel" to Braintree, now Quincy. In 1727, Christ Church was organized, when there were but two Episcopal Churches in Massachusetts, out of Boston. On Christmas Day, in that year, the Rev. Dr. Miller, who had been sent "home" to be ordained by the Bishop of London, began his ministry here, and besides the usual services, baptised "Jane, a mulatto, belonging to P. Marquand." He was succeeded in 1763, by the Rev. Dr. Winslow, who also entered upon the Rectorship on Christmas Day. He died in 1776. The Revolution scattered the members of the Church of England, and many years elapsed before life and vigour were restored to this enfeebled Parish. Its most prosperous days, since the Revolution, appear to have been during the ministry of the Rev. Dr. Cutler. In 1832, the building, recently destroyed by fire, was erected on the ground now occupied. The old church has been pulled down, but the Church-yard in which it stood is still a place of burial.

Having passed through the furnace of affliction, Christ Church has now risen from the ashes, "purified as by fire." Increasing and attentive congregations; a flourishing Sunday School, under the excellent Superintendence of Mr. Frederic W. Grantham; a number of candidates waiting for Confirmation at the approaching visitation of the Bishop; union and harmony, seriousness, devotion and fervor, are signs of Christian Life and growth, and indications of the presence of the Lord, who has promised to be where two or three are gathered together in his name.

*St. Paul's Church, Dedham.*

THE REV. SAMUEL B. BABCOCK, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 4, adults 1,) 5. Communicants: added 4; died or removed, 6; present number, 128. Marriages, 3. Burials, 7. Sunday School Scholars, 80. Missionary Contributions: General Board, \$50; Massachusetts Board, \$100.18; Religious purposes: Within the Parish, \$1400; without the Parish, \$190; Ladies' Society paid \$35 of above.

*St. James's Church, Roxbury.*

THE REV. GEORGE S. CONVERSE, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 48, adults 6,) 54. Communicants: added, 30; died or removed, 17; present number, 172. Confirmed, 18, one being from the Diocese of Vermont. Marriages, 4. Burials, 27. Sunday School: Superintendent, 1; Teachers, 25; Scholars, 250; Young Ladies' Bible Class, 11. Missionary Contributions: General Domestic Missions, \$53.28; Diocesan Missions, (Massachusetts Board, \$35.29; Southern District Association, \$75,) \$110.29; Foreign Missions, \$112.16; Sunday School, (annual, for support of a scholar in Female Orphan Asylum, Cape Palmas, Africa, \$75; for Orphan's Home of Industry, Iowa City, Iowa, \$25,) \$100; American Bible Society, \$84.32. Other Contributions for religious purposes: Communion Offertory, \$402.62; for the Benevolent Society of the Parish, \$140; for the Sunday School, \$56.51; for the Christmas Festival, \$92; for the payment of the floating debt, \$3900; Total, (without the Parish, \$460.05; within the Parish, \$4591.13,) \$5051.18.

In addition to these items, the "HELPING HAND," a society composed of some of the young ladies of the Parish, has made fancy articles amounting in value to \$130, to be sold at Fairs, for the benefit of new Parishes. One hundred dollars worth has been sent to a Parish in Ohio, to be sold there, and thirty dollars worth is intended for a Parish in our own Diocese.

In October last, a Society was formed called the "*Benevolent Society of St. James's Church*," "for the promotion of the spiritual, and, where necessary, the temporal welfare of those persons in the city of Roxbury, who are not connected with any Parish, and are proper subjects for parochial visitation ; attention being given primarily to those who, from their birth or other circumstances, should belong to the Protestant Episcopal Church." It has been pursuing its work during the past winter with great fidelity and success. We have in this city a large number of people, employed in factories or trade, who by birth and baptism, are members of the Church of England. From various causes they have for the most part, either gone to other places of worship than their own, or have broken away entirely from all religious influences. We have felt that, as a Parish, it was our first duty to look after these wandering sheep of our mother Church, and we have been endeavoring in some degree to fulfil the duty which God has imposed on us. The Rector has been greatly encouraged by the cordial and active co-operation of very many of his Parishioners, both male and female. More than one hundred families have been regularly visited during the year by members of the Society. Material aid has been given, when required. Bibles, Prayer Books and Tracts have been distributed. Children have been brought to Baptism, and many adults, who for years have neglected religion, have been induced to attend Church. The influence which the visitors have gained over those under their charge will, it is believed, be felt more another year than it has been this. We have but made a *beginning* ; we hope, by God's blessing, to carry on the work another year with more energy and system and with greater results. It is emphatically a work for the *laity* — and in no Parish have the laity greater opportunity for usefulness than in this city.

The Sewing School has met weekly, with an average attendance of fifty-six, — the largest number present at any one time being seventy-four, and the smallest, twenty-seven. An Employment Department, organized for the purpose of supplying poor women with work, though in operation but a short time, has been entirely successful, and we hope will be the means of great good

in the future, — by enabling the poor in many cases to help themselves, instead of being helped by others.

The Church is open for Evening Prayer on Wednesdays and Fridays during the greater portion of the year.

In Lent there was Evening Prayer daily, with a lecture on Friday evening. During Passion week, the Church was open also for Morning Prayer.

The Rector catechises the children of the Parish “openly in Church” on the third Sunday afternoon of every month except July and August.

*St. John's Church, Jamaica Plain.*

THE REV. WILLIAM R. BABCOCK, Rector.

Baptisms, 15. Communicants : added, 20 ; died or removed, 9 ; present number, 140. Marriages, 3. Burials, 6. Sunday School : Scholars, 75 ; Teachers, 12. Contributions : Communion-Alms, \$361.50 ; Diocesan Missions, \$175 ; Domestic Missions, (American Church Missionary Society,) \$57.50 ; Foreign Missions, \$50 ; Societies for the Increase of the Ministry, (Trinity College \$175, Kenyon College \$50,) \$225 ; American Bible Society, \$52 ; Parish Circle, \$75 ; Sunday School Collections, \$61 ; to aid feeble Churches, \$85 ; Evangelical Knowledge Society, to purchase Sunday School Libraries, \$30 ; other collections in Church, \$155 ; within the Parish, \$450 ; without the Parish, \$877 ; Total, \$1327.

The changes which commonly mark the history of suburban Parishes, have fallen upon ours with more than usual frequency, during the past year. Parishioners have left, whom we would gladly have kept. Others have come to us, whom we cordially welcome. The Bishop's appointment for Confirmation was not fulfilled, on account of the temporary indisposition of the Rector ; and the administration of that rite is deferred awhile.

As regards the various elements of outward prosperity, we have cause for satisfaction — in our want of devotion to Christ, and meetness for Heaven, cause for deep humiliation.

*St. Mary's Church, Dorchester.*

THE REV. W. H. MILLS, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants) 6. Communicants: present number, 94. Burials, 8. Sunday School: Scholars, 81; Teachers, with Superintendent and Librarian, 16; Total, 97. Missionary Contributions: Domestic Missions, \$167.24; Nashotah, \$10; Church Home, by Sunday School, \$16.26; Total, \$193.50. Other Contributions: Christmas Offering for Sunday School, \$22.02; Easter Offering for Parish Debt, \$361.77; Offerings for Incidental Expenses, \$55.86; Ladies' Gift for Sunday School Library, \$10; Communion Alms, \$131.46; Total, \$586.06. Whole amount of contributions, \$779.56.

The present Rector entered upon the duties of this Parish on the first Sunday in November last.

The list of Communicants, having been carefully revised, shows a much smaller number than last reported; yet the actual number present at Holy Communion has considerably increased.

The contributions reported are those since November. The remainder of the report includes the whole Conventional year.

The Rector cannot close this report without acknowledging the warm-hearted welcome with which he was received by his people, and the many tokens of good-will since bestowed by them.

*St. Paul's Church, Brookline.*

THE REV. J. S. STONE, D.D., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 10, adults 1,) 11. Confirmed, 10. Communicants: added, 13; removed, 8; present number, 115. Marriages, 2. Burials, 3. Missionary Contributions: General Board, \$349.86; Massachusetts Board, \$50; Other Contributions for religious purposes: Within the Parish, \$285.89; Without the Parish, \$2778.10; total, \$3463.85.

To the above particulars the Rector adds the following remarks:

This Parish is necessarily small. The Church edifice cannot receive a large congregation. Hence the proportion of Communicants to the whole number of parishoners, although the names on the register do not include all who habitually commune with us, is yet considered as, at least, a high average. Moreover, "the form of Parochial Report, adopted by the Convention," is such that, in using it, it is impossible to designate the amount of Missionary and other important contributions from the Parish to objects of Christian benevolence. The \$399.86 reported above, are but a smaller part of the Missionary offerings of the Parish during the past Conventional year; while several other important appropriations are left equally unspecified; the whole being thrown together, with the principal amount of our Missionary Offerings, under the one item of appropriations made "Without the Parish."

The temporal and spiritual state of the Parish may be considered progressively healthful.

### **Plymouth County.**

*St. Andrew's Church, Hanover.*

THE REV. SAMUEL CUTLER, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 5, adults 9,) 14. Communicants: added, 12; died, 1; present number, 108. Confirmed, 11. Marriages, 3. Burials, 6. Sunday School Scholars, 50. Missionary and other Contributions: For the General Board for Foreign Missions, \$62.38, (of which \$12.38 is from the Sunday School for African Mission); American Church Missionary Society, \$40; Southern District Missionary Association, \$25; Evangelical Knowledge Society, \$100; Church Building, \$20; American Bible Society, \$15; Rev. J. C. Jacobi, for Jews, \$12; For Sufferers by Famine in Kansas, \$40; American Sunday School Union, \$10; Diocesan Seamen's Mission, \$10; Rev. E. M. P.

Wells, D. D., for poor, \$10; Widows and Orphans Society, \$20; For Tracts and Periodicals distributed in the Parish, \$31.56; Sundry Charities within the Parish, about \$70;— Making the whole amount within the Parish \$101.56; without the Parish, \$364.38.

The Rector would also acknowledge the gift of a silk gown from the ladies of the Parish.

*Trinity Church, Bridgewater.*

[No Report.]

*Christ Church, Plymouth.*

[No Report.]

**Bristol County.**

*St. Thomas's Church, Taunton.*

THE REV. THOMAS H. VAIL, D.D., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 30, adults 2,) 32. Communicants: added, 18; died, 5; removed, 7; present number, 251. Marriages, 7. Burials, 20. Sunday School: Teachers, 40; Scholars, 268. Missionary and Charitable Contributions: Diocesan Missions, Massachusetts General Board, \$50; Southern District Association, \$85. Domestic Missions: Nebraska, \$26; Kansas, \$30; Special, in Iowa, \$300; Donation from one person to Bishop Griswold College in Iowa, \$500. Foreign Missions: General purposes, \$30; China, from Sunday School, \$20; Africa, from Sunday School, \$20; Weak Parishes, \$65; Society for Increase of the Ministry, \$30; Sunday School purposes, \$60; American Bible Society, \$75; Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, \$10; Aged and Indigent Clergymen, \$10; Communion Alms, \$299.04; Total, \$1610.04.



*Grace Church, New Bedford.*

THE REV. J. P. TUSTIN, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 24, adults 1,) 25. Communicants: added, 3; died, 7; removed, 2; present number, 223. Confirmed, 2. Marriages, 3. Burials, 11. Sunday School: Scholars, 162; Teachers, 27; Total, 189. Contributions: Sunday School, \$62.63; New Bedford Branch American Bible Society, \$22.43; Missionary and other purposes, \$183.49; Offertory, \$161.05; Sewing Society, \$550; Total, \$979.60.

After a vacancy in the rectorship of this Parish for about eight months, the place was supplied by the present Rector, who entered upon his duties on the first of October, 1860.

The congregation, partially reduced for want of pastoral care so long, soon rallied in attendance, and has become again large and regular.

The small number of persons confirmed, and the reduced statistics in other respects, are partially accounted for by the above-named interruption.

It is expected that a considerable number of persons will be presented for confirmation at the ensuing visit of the Bishop.

*Church of the Ascension, Fall River.*

THE REV. E. M. PORTER, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 38, adults 3,) 41. Communicants: added, 21; died or removed, 8; present number, about 112. Confirmed, 14. Marriages, 21. Burials, 22. Sunday School Scholars, 250. Contributions for Religious Purposes: Diocesan Missions, (S. Dist. Association,) \$10; Kansas, for Bishop Lee's Fund, \$10; Enlarging the Sunday School Room, \$66.51; Sunday School Library, \$39.32; Communion Alms, \$42.03; Juvenile Paper for Sunday School, \$8; Total, \$175.86; Within the Parish, \$155.86; Without the Parish, \$20.

The number of Communicants on our list is 123. But that

number can not properly be reckoned "communicants" in the sense of *communicating members*. Non-attendance, without sufficient crime (apparently) for the censure of excommunication, is the fault of several members. The Sunday School has considerably increased in numbers the last year, owing in great measure to more systematic and efficient labors in visiting by the teachers, assisted by members of the Communion. The Parish has never been in a more flourishing condition. The Lord cause us to abound more and more in love and good works!

*Christ Church, Swansea.*

THE REV. N. W. MUNROE, Officiating Minister.

Communicants, 5. Burials, 2. Sunday School Teachers, 6; Scholars, ranging in attendance from 15 to 35. Books, amounting to \$60 in value, have been added to the Sunday School Library within the last two years.

To form any thing like a just estimate of the value of our services in a community like Swansea, regard should be had to the religious teachings that have so long prevailed, and which continue to exert their unhappy influence. *Quaker* and other *isms* that have flourished in this region, tend to make the observance of the Lord's Day and the holy Ordinances of small account.

The community being small, a "Union House" of worship was built here, and occupied by one religious sect after another until each died out; and, in the absence of all religious worship and instruction for a time, our Church was induced to enter and occupy the place as truly Missionary ground. The Church has sustained herself better than any other religious denomination; and, as is generally conceded, with marked benefit to the place and people.

And yet when you look to the number that has been baptized and confirmed by the Bishop since the establishment of the Church here, the whole is a mere handful, which, from removals, and lack of farther accessions, is now reduced to five Church

members ! And while the Bishop has been cheered by no presentation of candidates for Confirmation for the last two or three visitations, and the Rector fears none will come forward at his coming visit, there have been times when this people have appeared most serious and attentive, as though under the Holy Spirit's gracious influences, and when it seemed surely that additions might soon be looked for, "to the Church of such as should be saved." But the times of refreshing have been suffered to go by without any visible fruits manifested in *professing* Christ and attachment to his Church before men.

The interior of the Church has been greatly improved by four bronze chandeliers, given by Mrs. Stevens ; while a costly and beautiful tomb, erected by the same lady, adds much to the appearance of the pleasant church-yard and beautiful cemetery. Nor ought I to suffer my parishioners generally, particularly a few ladies of it, to pass without warm commendation for their efforts to aid and sustain this Parish. It is deserving of more assistance than it receives from the Board of Missions of the Diocese.

### *Trinity Church, Pawtucket.*

THE REV. EDWARD DE ZENG, Rector.

Baptisms, (adults 1, infants 13,) 14. Communicants : added, 15 ; removed, 1 ; present number, 94. Confirmed, 11. Burials, 6. Sunday School : Scholars, 113 ; Teachers, 11. Contributions : Massachusetts Episcopal Fund, \$5 ; Missions for Massachusetts, (Eastern and Southern Districts united,) \$10 ; Southern District Association of Massachusetts, \$10 ; Communion Offerings since Advent Sunday, \$27.41 ; General Church purposes within the Parish, \$143.18 ; Total, \$195.59.

The charge of this Parish was assumed by me on Advent Sunday, December 2d, the former Rector, the Rev. John Milton Peck, having resigned the month previous. The report includes the whole of the Conventional year, under both Rectorships.

The Parish is growing and prosperous, the evident result of

union and harmony, in every interest that can promote its stability and welfare.

*Grace Church, North Attleborough.*

THE REV. EDWARD COWLEY, Minister.

Some three months after the illness, and consequent resignation, of the Rev. J. S. Townsend, the present minister of this Parish and Mission at East Attleborough, entered upon his duties the first Sunday after Trinity. He then found that the Sunday School in each village numbered 30, teachers and scholars. About 70 persons formed the congregation at the North Parish, while the number at the East was 35. This was at our first regular afternoon services. The Missions, also, were in arrears—ages \$100, but which have since been paid. Business had taken a downward tendency through the whole town, and has continued rapidly to decline, so that for the last four months very few employees have found any thing to do, and have left in great numbers.

From Advent to Easter, service was held at Attleborough Falls, instead of the North Village, both to save expense and because a suitable place of worship could not be obtained. Here we gathered a Sunday School of about 50 members, and received many additions to our congregation. At Easter we engaged a hall newly fitted up, centrally located in the North Village, and which, at only one dollar per Sunday, we can use at any hour of the day. It is, altogether, a most happy arrangement. Yet we must regret our inability, for want of qualified teachers, to continue the Sunday School at the Falls. Notwithstanding the adverse times, interest in our work has essentially increased. The land for a church lot is already pledged by a few public-spirited individuals, and more than \$200 are promised towards the building fund. But the crisis through which our country is passing will, it is feared, somewhat retard the erection of a church. With the revival of business, a suitable minister, who shall give his whole time to this mission, and the continual bless-

ing of Heaven, Grace Church must, in a few years, become a strong Episcopal Parish, abundantly repaying all the fostering care of the Church abroad, and the physical prostration of its first two missionaries. This latter is owing to the attempt, made necessary by the want of means, of one clergyman to do the work of two.

The Missionary has been unable, since Easter, to conduct the Sunday School, and re-collect some of its scattered members, consequent upon removal to the Falls; but the number now belonging and waiting to be enrolled is about sixty scholars and eight teachers. Sunday School collections, \$6.81.

The Holy Communion was omitted a part of the year, because we had no service with which to celebrate. The East Mission purchased a communion set for the first Sunday in October, which thereafter served for both stations. The Lord's Supper has since been celebrated monthly; also at the Christmas and Easter festivals. A new service was obtained, by the generous contribution of friends in New York, for the Easter Communion at Grace Church. Communion Alms, \$5.02. Total amount paid for incidental expenses in the Parish during the Convention year, \$194.19. This includes \$35 given by friends abroad for service, books, &c.

Total of Baptisms, (adult 1, infants 6,) 7. Communicants: added, 11; removed, 10; present number, 24. Confirmed, 4; (and four others were ready, but for good reasons were specially prevented from renewing their holy vows.) Marriages, 1. Burials, 3. Sunday Schools, 2; Scholars, 120; Teachers, 16. This is the record of both Missions.

EAST ATTLEBOROUGH. Besides the above items, may be added \$235.29, which have been paid for the incidental expenses of this Mission, and which include \$20 donated to the Minister by friends in Lonsdale, R. I., \$10 Sunday School collections, and \$6.67 Communion Alms. Our thanks are due to Rev. Dr. Dyer, of New York, for a donation of 33 volumes of books for our School, in connection with the purchase of others.

Heretofore this Mission has paid largely for hall rent, but at Easter we were able to engage a very suitable room in the Acad-

emy building, which we have fitted up for worship. This effects a clear saving of \$125 per annum, and is most convenient for the use of the congregation. We are now a voluntary organization, with constitution and by-laws, under the name of "Trinity Church Society."

The minister has taught a weekly Bible Class most of the year; has held occasional services at Dodgeville, and Special Lenten services at North Attleborough. One very encouraging feature of our work is, that old prejudices against the Church are fast dying away. The Missionary feels obliged to resign his charge at the close of the year, first Sunday after Trinity, because of physical inability to continue the performance of the duties of both parishes. May the Lord of the Vineyard send a more worthy laborer, who shall reap the fruits of the tears and toils and prayers of those who have sought to lay a good foundation of the Church in Attleborough, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner-stone.

### Nantucket County.

*St. Paul's Church, Nantucket.*

[No report.]

### Worcester County.

*St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville.*

THE REV. WM. GEO. HAWKINS, Rector.

Baptisms, (adults 2, infants 5,) 7. Confirmed, 4. Communicants, about 50. Removals, 9. Marriages, 4. Burials, 6. Sunday School: Superintendent, 1; Teachers, 8; Scholars, about 60. Bible Class, from 10 to 15. One weekly prayer meeting well attended. Contributions: For Sunday School papers, books, &c., \$13.60; Music Teacher, \$11.16. Other Parish purposes: By Ladies' Festival and other ways, \$96.30; To So-

ciety for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, \$5; American Church Missionary Society, \$4.19; Diocesan Missions, \$5; Convention Fund, \$5; For Christmas Festival, \$15; By Ladies' Charitable Society, \$14.55; Poor Fund, \$15.08; Total, \$184.33.

There is nothing which needs any special notice in the affairs of this Parish. The year during which the present Rector has had charge, has passed away very pleasantly, with a commendable attendance upon divine services, and much harmony in the social and private religious gatherings of the people. We have not been without some tokens of the Divine favor. Renewed diligence on the part of pastor and people, is all that is required, under God, to cause very rich blessings to descend on this portion of the Lord's heritage.

Pleasant Dale English and Classical School for Boys, has been established at the pleasant "homestead," of N. Hedge, A. M. The Rector of St. John's Church will render any aid in his power to the youth who may be placed at this admirable home school for the training of youth. This school is cordially commended to the families of the Church as a most fitting and retired spot for the thorough religious and mental training of their sons. The number received at the Home is limited to twelve.

### *All Saints' Church, Worcester.*

THE REV. G. W. HAGER, Rector.

Baptisms, (adults 5, infants 21,) 26. Confirmed, 16. Marriages, 9. Burials, 4. Communicants: died or removed, 4; added, 25; present number, 125. Sunday School: Teachers, 13; Scholars, 75. Communion Alms, \$128.30; Foreign Missions, \$20; Sunday School and Parish Library, \$58; Margaret Coffin Prayer Book Society, \$7.75; Education in Kenyon College, \$17; Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, \$15; Repairs on the Church, \$2300; Font, \$155.

The Church building has been thoroughly repaired, and one hundred and thirty new sittings added. The income of the Par-

ish is about \$2000; current expenses about \$1800; the font is of statuary marble, the purchase of the Ladies' Sewing Circle. The fact should also be recorded that a very timely and welcome present of \$50 was made to the Sunday School, at Christmas, by Mr. Seth Adams, Jr., of Providence, R. I. May it be to the donor as bread cast upon the waters.

The Parish is at peace with itself, is growing, and presents many other visible features of prosperity.

*Christ Church, Clappville.*

[No report.]

*St. John's Church, Millville.*

THE REV. JOHN V. LEWIS, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 29, adults 9,) 38. Confirmed, 9. Communicants: added, new 17, by removal 7, 24; lost by removal, 5; present number, 75. Marriages, 5. Funerals, 8. Contributions for objects other than current expenses: Within the Parish, \$140.69. Missions: Diocesan, \$11.50; Domestic, \$12; Foreign, \$31.15; the Jews, \$7; For Kansas Sufferers, \$10; Am. Bible Society, \$8.03. Total of Offerings, \$220.37.

Celebrations of the Holy Communion: public, 13; private, 5; total, 18. Public Worship upon 192 occasions. Sermons, 125. Lectures, 49. Sunday School: The average attendance of Scholars throughout the year has been 70. Teachers, 9. The Rector has been present and addressed the scholars at 36 of the 48 sessions of the School, and has catechised the children "openly in the Church" on the afternoon of the first Sunday in each month.

A week-day service and lecture has been maintained during a large portion of the past year; and during the season of Lent every Wednesday and Friday evening. In Holy Week, morning and evening services, with lectures in the evenings. Occa-



sional services have also been held at Ironstone, S. Uxbridge, Mass.

The whole number of families connected with the Parish is about 70. It will be seen, therefore, from the preceding statistics, that the Church in this place is tolerably prosperous in spiritualities, while those many little indications of future harvests, which are perceptible only to a pastor, and which so greatly cheer and encourage him, are abundant and marked.

All the available pews in the Church are rented, and the congregations are large and steadily increasing. The attendance upon the Holy Communion is very good, though there is still room for improvement in this respect. The Lenten services were very well attended.

The Rector trusts that subsequent reports will show that his expectation of rich blessings from the Lord upon his unworthy labors was not mistaken, and that the many hopeful signs which he notices prove to have been what they seem.

*Grace Church, West Brookfield.*

[No report.]

**Hampden County.**

*Christ Church, Springfield.*

THE REV. GEORGE H. MCKNIGHT, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 12, adults 6,) 18. Communicants: died, 2; removed, 16; stricken from the list, 6; added, 14; received, 4; present number, 168. Confirmed, 13. Burials, 9. Marriages, 9. Sunday School: Teachers, 18; Scholars, 100. Contributions; Society for the Increase of the Ministry, \$73; Foreign Missions, Rev. Mr. Hoffman, \$40; Diocesan Missions, \$20; Domestic Missions, \$54; Rt. Rev. Dr. Talbot, \$22.55. Amounts designated by individuals: Nashotah, \$15; Protestant Episcopal Tract

Society, \$5 ; Church Book Society, \$5 ; N. Y. Prayer Book Society, \$5 ; Bishop Seabury Missionary Society, \$5 ; Communion Alms, \$361 ; By the Ladies, for a Sunday School Room, \$657.78 ; Sunday School, \$70 ; Whole amount, \$1333.33.

*Grace Church, Chicopee.*

[No Report.]

**Hampshire County.**

*St. John's Church, Northampton.*

THE REV. HENRY H. BEAN, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants,) 6. Communicants : added, 8 ; died or left, 7 ; present number, 60. Confirmed, 3. Marriages, 3. Burials, 7. Sunday School : Scholars, about 40 ; Rector's Bible Class, 15. Contributions for various purposes, \$266.72.

The present condition of this Parish is by no means encouraging. Feeble, as from peculiar circumstances, it has always been, it has become more so during the past year, by deaths and removals, so that it is questionable whether, without some accession of families and pecuniary resources, the services, under the present arrangement, can be much longer continued. But there are circumstances which afford encouragement and pleasure ; the kindness and affection evinced towards the Rector, the apparent unity and concord among the members, the zeal and industry of the younger members especially, in sustaining a Sewing Society for the clothing of poor children ; fifty garments for that purpose having been made by them. It is further gratifying to perceive a sincere desire manifested to continue and perpetuate the services of the Church in this place, and no doubt great efforts and sacrifices would cheerfully be made, if necessary, for that purpose.

**Franklin County.***St. James's Church, Greenfield.*

THE REV. S. RUSSELL JONES, Rector.

We have reason to be very thankful to the Divine Head of the Church for the abundant prosperity with which he has blessed us, during the past year.

The attendance has been larger than at any former period. The demand for seats, necessitated the addition of sixty-five sittings, which were completed in July last, adding to the appearance as well as convenience of the Church.

The room having still been found inadequate for the accommodation of many who were desirous of attending the services of the Church, arrangements were made for the establishment of a *free service*, for the benefit of all who might feel inclined to avail themselves of its privileges.

Much pains was taken in training a Choir of *male voices*, and enlisting the interests of a large number of German and English families, who had not been regular attendants on public worship.

The first service was held on the morning of the Sunday before Easter at 9 o'clock.

To the unspeakable gratification of the Rector, as well as of the Parishioners, who kindly assisted in this work, over two hundred persons (mostly men,) assembled, and joined heartily in the service, which to most of them was entirely unfamiliar.

The undiminished interest of these persons, manifested by the regularity of attendance, has encouraged the Rector in believing, that this service is now permanently established, and that it will result in the salvation of many, before apparently uncared-for souls.

Number of families (attending the regular services, 95; the free service, 85,) 180. Baptisms, (adults 24, infants 25,) 49. Confirmed, 48. Marriages, 10. Burials, 14. Communicants, 152. Sunday School: Teachers, 12; Scholars, 95. The Rector always opens the Sunday School, and catechises the children

regularly on the Evening of the first Sunday in the month. Celebration of Divine Service : Sundays, three times ; holy days, once ; during Lent, regular services on Wednesdays and Fridays until Passion Week ; during the Holy Week, daily service. An increasing interest has been manifested in all the occasional services. Contributions : Diocesan Missions, \$22 ; Domestic Missions, \$23.95 ; Missionary work in the Parish, \$19.90 ; Nashotah, from Sunday School, \$9.50 ; other Contributions for charitable purposes within the Parish, \$258.12. Contentions are unknown, and brotherly love continues.

*St. John's Church, Ashfield.*

THE REV. C. H. GARDINER, Rector.

Baptisms, (adults,) 4. Confirmed 4. Communicants about 40 ; added, 4. Marriages, 6. Sunday Scholars about 20. Burials, 1. Contributions : Massachusetts Board of Missions, \$7 ; Church Charity Foundation, (Brooklyn, N. Y.,) from Sunday School, \$5.00 ; Communion Alms, about \$20 ; Parish purposes about \$700 ; Total, \$732.00.

A new, fine-toned organ has been procured and paid for by the Parish, during the past year. Over \$100 of the fund to purchase the same was obtained by the Festival given by the ladies.

**Berkshire County.**

*St. Luke's Church, Lanesborough.*

THE REV. S. BRENTON SHAW, Rector.

In a small Parish, located in a town containing less than 1300 inhabitants, where two other religious Societies are established, no considerable change from year to year can be expected. The Rector, however, after a Ministry here of thirty years, in compar-

ing the present with the past, has reason to hope that his long continued labours have not been wholly in vain. When he took charge of it, June 1st, 1831, it consisted of about forty families, and of about forty Communicants, most of them aged people, — worshipping in a wooden Church, of the most primitive pattern. The emigration since that period has been constant, and those then aged have all passed away. The Parish, however, now contains 65 families and as many Communicants, worshipping in a neat stone Church, which would not disgrace any of our cities. In 1831, St. Luke's was much the smallest Parish in the town, whereas at present, it is by far the largest, possessing respectable funds and sustained chiefly by an intelligent class of people, mostly engaged in agricultural pursuits. Although, therefore, often grieved and mortified at his apparent want of success, the Rector on many accounts has abundant cause to thank God and take courage. The statistics for the year past are as follows :

Baptisms, (infants,) 4. Marriages, 3. Burials, 10. Confirmed, 1. Communicants, (a few living in adjacent towns,) 65. Sunday Scholars, between 60 and 70. Religious Contributions : For Missions, \$15 ; for the Society for the increase of the Ministry, \$61 ; Collection for the poor, \$10 ; for Sunday School, \$15 ; Communion Alms, \$18 ; for arrearages and other objects, \$212 ; Total, \$331.00.

*St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield.*

THE REV. J. J. BOWDEN, Rector.

In accordance with the Canon, I beg leave to report that in the month of September last the two Parishes in this place, viz. : St. Stephen's and Christ Church, were united, and the statistics given below are for the period which has since elapsed.

Baptisms, (adults 10, infants 13,) 23. Confirmed, 10. Marriages, 3. Funerals, 8. Communicants : Removed, 7 ; added, 19 ; present number, 129. Sunday School : Scholars, 84 ; Teachers, 13.

*St. James's Church, Great Barrington.*

THE REV. C. A. L. RICHARDS, Rector.

Since my last Report was presented to the Convention, I have officiated at six Baptisms, three Marriages and ten Burials. Seven persons have received the rite of Confirmation. The amount contributed for various Missionary and benevolent purposes has been \$476.42.

*. Trinity Church, Vandeusenville.*

THE REV. LEWIS GREEN, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 2, adults 3,) 5. Communicants : added, 3 ; present number, 38. Confirmed, 3. Marriages, 2. Burials, 2. Sunday Scholars, 30.

The Church is greatly in need of extensive repairs, or of being rebuilt. Some measures towards rebuilding were commenced last Fall, but, owing to the disturbed state of affairs throughout the country, they have been remitted for the present, as the Parish must depend on aid from abroad, should any thing considerable be done for the Church. There still remains a hope for better things in the future than can now be reported.

*St. Andrew's Church, New Boston.*

THE REV. ELISHA F. WATSON, Rector.

Communicants : added, 2 ; present number, 12. Confirmed, 2. Sunday School : Scholars, 30 ; Teachers, 6. Contributions : Diocesan Board, \$2.35 ; American Church Missionary Society, \$1.00 ; Communion Offerings, \$13.61.

*St. Paul's Church, Otis.*

THE REV. ELISHA F. WATSON, Rector.

Baptisms, (adults) 2. Communicants : added, 6 ; present

number, 18. Confirmed, 4. Sunday School: . Scholars, 25 ; Teachers, 5. Contributions: Diocesan Board, \$2.95 ; American Church Missionary Society, \$1 ; Communion Offerings, \$17.97. About \$158 have been raised by the Ladies' Sewing Circle and expended upon the Church. A large part of this was furnished by the friends of the Church in Lenox, Stockbridge, Great Barrington and Pittsfield.

*St. Paul's Church, Stockbridge.*

THE REV. S. P. PARKER, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants) 5. Communicants : died or removed, 10 ; added, 1 ; present number 66. Confirmed, 3. Marriages, 5. Burials, 6. Sunday School Scholars, 50 ; Teachers, 8. Massachusetts Board of Missions, \$36.50 ; Offertory, \$70 ; Poor Fund, \$100 ; Other Charitable and Parochial Purposes, \$281 ; Total, \$487.50.

This Parish has sustained very severe losses the past year, by death or removal of Communicants and members of the congregation. Among those who have died, is the late lamented Alexander Watts. He was ardently attached to our Communion by education and by choice. A man of leisure, he devoted it to the interests of the Church ; and as Senior Warden labored most efficiently for its prosperity. His religious character shone conspicuously under the many severe domestic bereavements which gathered round the close of life ; and through faith in the Redeemer and sanctification of the Spirit, weaned him from earth to heaven.

The usual extra services on Sunday, and partially on the week day, have been kept up by the Pastor in the neighboring villages. The interior of the Church has been renovated and furnished with lamps ; and an evening service substituted for the one in the afternoon. The change has increased the attendance at the second service. The labors among the poor have been continued with good effect.

*Trinity Church, Lenox.*

THE REV. H. A. YARDLY, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 1, adult 1,) 9. Confirmed, 1. Married, 1. Buried, 4. Communicants, 43. General Board of Missions, \$25; Diocesan Board, \$37.64; for Church in Otis, \$60; for Sunday School, \$12.51; Convention, \$9; Communion Offerings, \$45.22.

*St. George's Church, Lee.*

THE REV. WM. AUGUSTIN LEACH, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 6, adult 1,) 7. Communicants: added, 9; died or removed, 4; present number, 50. Confirmed, 2. Marriages, 1. Burials, 7. Sunday School: Teachers, 9; Scholars, 80.

The present Rector entered upon his duties the first of November last. At this time the Rev. J. F. Spaulding resigned. By his effective and faithful labors the Parish has been much strengthened; and at this time, notwithstanding the complete prostration of business, which has caused much embarrassment and many removals from the place, the Church is steadily on the increase. The Sunday School, under the faithful Superintendence of T. A. Oman, Esq., and a persevering band of Teachers, is accomplishing much good. Efforts are now being made to pay the debt on the Church, which we hope will be done this next Conventional year.

*St. John's Church, North Adams.*

THE REV. WILLIAM TATLOCK, Rector.

Baptisms, (adults 2, infants 20,) 22. Confirmed, 6. Communicants: received, 8; admitted, 7; present number, 40; (in addition to which number are eight Communicants of other Parishes, residing, more or less permanently, within the limits of



this.) Sunday School: Teachers and officers, 17; Sunday School Scholars, 64. Contributions: For Parish purposes, \$843.56; for Domestic Missions, \$11.13; for Diocesan Missions, \$13.87; for Church Home for Orphans, \$3.20; for Parish Library and Sunday School Library, \$39.27; Offertories for the poor, &c., \$24.22; Total, \$935.25.

The present Rector entered on his duties in July, after the Parish had been for about eight months vacant. During a portion of that time the Church had been kept open for lay-reading by a student of Williams College. A mortgage and other debts to the amount of over \$1400, discouraged the members of the Parish, and the absence of a Clergyman scattered the congregation. Since services have been resumed, however, the congregation has been gathered again, and the debts paid off, (with the aid of a former member of this Parish, and graduate of Williams College,) and the Church is now awaiting consecration. Services are held on Sunday morning and evening at the Church, and in the afternoon at South Adams.

The Rector is aided in the Sunday School by several students of Williams College.

The Parish is aided, and for several years will probably have to be aided, by the Board of Missions, yet present appearances indicate some degree of healthy and substantial growth.

### **Barnstable County.**

#### *Church of the Messiah, Wood's Hole.*

THE REV. T. B. FLOWER, Rector.

Baptisms, 1. Communicants, 13. Confirmed, 5. Burials, 4. Sunday School: Scholars, 18; Teachers, 3. Contributions: Foreign Missions, \$10; Domestic Missions, \$17.75; Diocesan Missions, \$15; Offertory, \$21.75; Bible Society, \$1.

#### *St. John's Church, Sandwich.*

[No Report.]

*To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese :*

I have again to report another year of bodily indisposition and suffering, (at times) which have precluded my engaging in many public services. What I could do, when opportunity has offered, I have cheerfully done, according to my ability ; and ever hold myself willing to do and to suffer all that the Divine Master shall require of me.

GEORGE C. SHEPARD.

*New York, May 6, 1861.*

*To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts :*

I respectfully report that, since the last Convention, I have continued to officiate regularly in the Chapel of the Navy Yard at Boston. I have performed Divine Service and preached twice every Sunday, (with one exception,) during the year, and have administered the Holy Communion on the first Sunday in each month.

Communicants, 7. Baptisms, 2. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 2.  
M. B. CHASE, *Chaplain U. S. Navy.*

*To the Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D.D.,* }  
*Bishop of Massachusetts :* }

Since my return from a cruise in the Mediterranean, in the U. S. Steam Frigate, "Wabash," I have resided in Boston. In the month of August last, the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of New Hampshire, at my request, furnished me with the requisite Certificate of transfer to your jurisdiction ; and now, after an absence of about fifteen years, I am canonically, as well as actually, a resident of the Diocese of Massachusetts.

In compliance with the requisition of the Canon, I respectfully submit the following report of clerical duty performed by me, subject to your Episcopal supervision.

As Chaplain in the Navy of the United States, I am attached to the Naval Station in Boston, and officiate regularly, every Sunday morning, offering prayers and preaching a sermon, on board the U. S. Ship, Ohio.

In September last, I very gladly accepted the invitation of my long valued and much esteemed friend, the Rev. Dr. Wells, to undertake the duties of assistant Minister in the Mission under his charge. Since that period, I have preached regularly at St. Stephen's Chapel, every Sunday afternoon, and occasionally at other times. On week days, I have assisted at daily prayers, morning and evening, and visited the members of the Parish as often as seemed necessary. Besides these regular duties, I have given much time and attention to "searching for the sick, poor, and impotent people, and intimating their estates, names, and places where they dwell, unto the Minister, that they might be" ministered unto, "according to their several necessities;" especially "seeking for Christ's sheep that are dispersed abroad, and for His children who are in the midst of this naughty world, that they may be saved through Christ for ever."

The number of Baptisms, Burials, and Marriages performed by me, and also the private administrations of the Holy Eucharist, are included in the Report of the Minister of St. Stephen's Chapel.

Besides these services, I have officiated several times in the Navy Yard Chapel, at Charlestown, and also in St. John's Church, Charlestown; in Christ Church, Cambridge; in St. Peter's Church, Cambridgeport; in St. Mark's Church and the Church of the Messiah, Boston, and in the Free Church of St. Mary for Sailors.

JOHN LEE WATSON, *Chaplain U. S. Navy.*

*Boston, May 8th, 1861.*

*To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts :*

I have preached in behalf of the American Bible Society, during the past conventional year, in the following churches, viz :

*Massachusetts.*—In St. Mary's Church for Sailors, Boston; Christ Church, Boston; St. James's Church, Roxbury; Church of the Messiah, Boston; St. Paul's Church, Dedham; St. Andrew's Church, Hanover; Trinity Church, Haverhill; Calvary Church, Danvers; St. Thomas's Church, Taunton; Grace Church,

Newton Corner; St. Mary's Church, Newton Lower Falls; Grace Church, Salem; St. John's Church, Millville; St. John's Church, East Boston; Trinity Church, Melrose; St. John's Church, Jamaica Plain; St. Paul's Church, Boston; St. Andrew's Church, Chelsea; Trinity Church, Boston; Emmanuel Church, Boston; St. John's Church, Charlestown; Grace Church, Boston; and St. Paul's Church, Brookline.

*New Hampshire.* — St. Mark's Church, Holderness; St. Thomas's Church, Hanover; St. Thomas's Church, Dover.

*Vermont.* — St. Andrew's Church, Norwich.

*Rhode Island.* — St. John's Church and Grace Church, Providence.

*Connecticut.* — Christ Church, Stratford.

*New York.* — Church of the Ascension, New York; Church of the Epiphany; St. Thomas's Church, Ravenswood; St. George's Church, Astoria; Christ Church, Brooklyn; Christ Church, Manhasset.

*New Jersey.* — St. Michael's Church, Trenton; Grace Church, Plainfield; Trinity Church, Mount Holly; St. Andrew's Church, Mount Holly.

*Pennsylvania.* — Holy Trinity, Gloria Dei, Church of the Mediator, St. Philip's Church, Church of the Covenant, Epiphany, Church of the Atonement and the Church of the Advent, Philadelphia; and St. John's Church, Norristown.

The contributions of the foregoing Parishes have nearly all been paid, through me or the Rector of the Parish, into the treasury of the local Auxiliary Societies. Those in this Diocese will be found in the Report of the Massachusetts Bible Society. I am happy to state, that I have been able to lend some important aid in supplying the soldiers, now mustering into the service of the United States, to put down the present rebellion, with copies of the Holy Scriptures, to be their guide and solace amid the trials and dangers that await them.

I have also furnished, by means placed in my hands for that purpose, the Book of Common Prayer, to some extent, for those who were able to use them. One of the advantages of a Society, constituted on the broad and comprehensive scale of our own,

has of late been clearly tested. The Proclamation of the President, calling for 75,000 troops, was issued on the 15th of April, and in less than two weeks from that time, the American Bible Society had sent forth, *for their use*, more than 50,000 volumes of the Word of God. The exigency came, and it was prepared to meet it. A Society, not similarly constituted, could not have met such a demand, had it been disposed. Let us bless God, that we have an institution, so broad in its purpose, and so generous in its aims, that it can do such a noble work, however unexpected be the call.

EDMUND F. SLAFTER.

*To the Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D.D., }*  
*Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts: }*

I have officiated, either by reading prayers or preaching, on most of the Sundays, as well as on many other days, during the past Conventional year.

I have been officially engaged on Sundays, in the following places: Trinity, Grace, Church of the Advent, St. Stephen's, St. John's, St. Mark's, St. Matthew's, Boston; Grace, New Bedford; St. Paul's, Nantucket; St. James's, Roxbury; Christ Church, Hyde Park; Trinity, Melrose; St. Mary's, Newton; St. Luke's, Chelsea; St. Mary's, Dorchester, in the Diocese of Massachusetts. St. John's, Kingston, and Church of the Holy Spirit, Rondout, in the Diocese of New York; Trinity, Zion, and Emmanuel Churches, Newport, in the Diocese of Rhode Island; and Calvary Church, Stonington, in the Diocese of Connecticut.

I have administered the Holy Communion five times, and assisted in its administration three times. I have also baptised three children, and officiated at two funerals.

F. A. FOXCROFT.

*Boston, May 6, 1861.*

*To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts:*

During the last Conventional year, the undersigned has officiated as follows: In Grace Church, Boston, one Sunday; St. Matthew's, South Boston, two; St. Mark's Boston, one; Church

of the Messiah, Boston, one ; Grace, Medford, one ; St. Peter's, Salem, five ; St. Michael's, Marblehead, two ; St. Anne's, Lowell, one ; Trinity, Haverhill, one ; St. Paul's, Newburyport, one ; St. Mary's, Dorchester, one ; Hyde Park, five — all in this State. In St. Paul's, and in the New-Hampshire State Asylum for the Insane, both in Concord, N. H., one ; in St. John's, Portsmouth, N. H., one ; in Christ Church, Gardiner, three ; St. Stephen's, Portland, six ; Christ, Hallowell, one — all in the State of Maine. I have also read Prayers on the Monday and Tuesday in Whitsun week in Trinity Church, Boston, and officiated on Good Friday in St. Stephen's Church, Portland, Maine.

During the same time I have solemnized three marriages and officiated at two funerals.

WM. S. BARTLET.

Chelsea, May 8, 1861.

*To the Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D.D.,* }  
*Bishop of the Diocese :*

The greater part of the past Conventional year I have been in charge of Grace Church, Brooklyn Heights, in the city of Brooklyn, Diocese of New York, during the absence of the Rector, the Rev. Jared B. Flagg, in Europe.

WM. S. CHILD.

*To the Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D.D.,* }  
*Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts :*

During the past Conventional year I have been engaged several months in teaching, and on Sundays have officiated as occasion required, in various Churches in Boston and vicinity.

On the second Sunday in January, I entered upon the duties of Rector of St. John's Church, Framingham. On that day the morning service of our Church was observed for the first time in this beautiful town. A Sunday School was immediately organized. It now numbers 70 scholars and 15 teachers, and has a library of 250 new and selected volumes.

The Episcopal form of worship so recently introduced into this place is highly acceptable to the people, and the prospects of

building up a strong Church are quite encouraging. A class is awaiting confirmation.

A few weeks ago I visited the adjoining town of Natick, and introduced the services of our Church. These services have been continued there regularly every Sunday.

R. F. PUTNAM.

*Framingham, May 8, 1861.*

*To the Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D.D., }  
Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts : }*

In compliance with the Canon, I would respectfully present the following report :

After resigning the Rectorship of the Parish of St. Mary's, Newton Lower Falls, on Easter Monday of last year, I continued officiating from Sunday to Sunday in different vacant Parishes in the Diocese of Massachusetts, and in the Dioceses of Maine and New Hampshire, until the seventeenth of April of the present year. On that day I was commissioned as Chaplain of the Fifth Regiment of Massachusetts Infantry, and on the nineteenth of the same month joined the Regiment at Boston. At day-break, Sunday, the twenty-first, I moved with the Regiment from Faneuil Hall, in that city, to take the train for New York, and from thence to the city of Washington, where we arrived in safety the Friday following.

Being on our route during the whole of our first Sunday, there was no opportunity for religious services ; but on the Sunday following I held two services in the quarters of the Regiment at the United States Treasury Building, which were attended by interested and attentive audiences. The exercises were brief, as all were obliged to remain standing, and the soldiers were exhorted to put on the whole armor of God, to cultivate devout habits of thought, and to attain to a living personal faith in the merits of our Lord Jesus Christ. On Sunday last, May the fifth, the entire Regiment marched to the Church of the Epiphany, of which the Rev. Charles Hall is Rector, where I said morning prayer, and afterwards preached an appropriate discourse. Our future is in the hands of God.

The baptisms and burials performed by me during the past year have all been duly reported.

B. F. DeCOSTA.

Washington, D. C., May 6, 1861.

*To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts :*

The undersigned would respectfully report that during the past Conventional year he has frequently officiated in the pulpits of vacant parishes, and has also occasionally assisted some of his clerical brethren. During a period of three months, he performed missionary duty at the pleasant village of Sanbornton Bridge, New Hampshire, where a flourishing parish is now in active and successful operation.

He has officiated at one funeral, and has baptized two children.

W. B. COLBURN.

Boston, May 11, 1861.

*To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts :*

The undersigned respectfully reports that since December 8th, 1860, he has had the charge of St. Matthew's Church, Hallowell, in the Diocese of Maine, and has been actively engaged in the discharge of parochial duties.

WM. HENRY BROOKS.

Hallowell, Maine, May 8, 1861.

*To the Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D.D., }*  
*Bishop of Massachusetts :*

The undersigned, in accordance with the Canonical requisition, would respectfully report, that since the first of November last, at which time he was admitted to this Diocese, he has been actively engaged in performing the duties of the ministry in Southboro'. The services of the Church have been regularly celebrated on every Lord's Day, the Great Festivals, and all the Saints' days of the Church. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper has been administered on the first Sunday in every month, also on

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*Bishop's address.*



Christmas Day, Thursday evening in Holy Week, and Easter Day.

During the season of Advent, a Parish was duly organized under the name of St. Mark's Church, and the undersigned chosen Rector of the same.

At the first meeting of the Corporation of St. Mark's Church, it was unanimously voted to make the services of the Church free to all, without pew rent or assessment of any kind, and to depend upon the free-will offerings of the worshippers, together with what assistance could be obtained from the Missionary Board of the Diocese, for the support of the services. The undersigned is most happy to state that the result of what was considered rather as an experiment, has been most satisfactory; convincing him that when duly instructed, the people deem it not simply a duty, but a pleasure and a privilege, when they come up to the House of the Lord, to bring with them their offerings, and following the Apostolic practice, contribute to the Treasury of the Lord according as the Lord hath prospered them in their worldly substance.

The whole amount of offerings since the first of November, has been \$231.78, including \$14.36 for the poor, at Christmas, and \$17.37 for the purchase of a Sunday School Library.

A Sunday School was already in operation when the undersigned entered upon his labors, and now numbers 20 scholars, with 3 teachers.

The undersigned has officiated at one burial. In addition to the services above mentioned, he officiated every Sunday evening in Framingham, until the present incumbent of the Church in that place, the Rev. R. F. Putnam, took charge of the Parish.

J. R. PEIRCE, Rector.

*Southboro', May 8, 1861.*

*To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts :*

I was admitted to the Order of Deacons on the 12th of September, 1860, and began my ministry in Emmanuel Church, Boston, on the following Sunday.

I have preached ninety-one times, baptized five infants and

eleven adults, joined five couples in holy matrimony, and performed the burial service at the funerals of seven persons, no one of whom was a member of Emmanuel Parish.

Since my ordination as Presbyter, March 19, 1861, I have twice administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

As the Canonical period for the admission of Emmanuel Church within the Convention has not yet passed, the statistics of the Parish are not presented.

F. D. HUNTINGTON.

*Boston, May 7, 1861.*

*To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese :*

Since the last Convention, my health has not allowed me to do much clerical work ; nevertheless I have preached six times, read the Church service for the greater part of the time once on each Sunday, assisted pretty regularly in the celebration of the Holy Communion, buried three deceased persons and baptized one child.

BENJ. HALE.

*Newburyport, May 8, 1861.*

*To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese :*

I resigned the Rectorship of St. John's Church, East Boston, on the 2d of January, 1861, since which time I have officiated, with few intermissions, every Lord's Day. A portion of the time I have performed divine service in South Groton, and I trust that the time is not far distant when vigorous efforts will be made to gather a congregation in that active village. In addition to this, I have performed one baptism, (infant,) one marriage, one burial, and administered the Holy Communion in another Diocese.

S. J. EVANS.

*East Boston, May, 1861.*

*To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts :*

I would respectfully report, that being prevented by ill health from assuming Parochial charge, I have resided the past year in

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Cambridge, officiating occasionally in the vicinity for the supply of vacant Parishes.

A. CROSWELL.

*To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts :*

Since my admission to holy orders, on the 14th of February last, I have had charge, under "the regulation of the Bishop," of the new Church in Hyde Park, Dorchester. During that time, I have read prayers 24 times, and preached 22 times. I have performed no other official acts.

A. H. WASHBURN, Deacon.

May 6, 1861.

*To the Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D.D.,* }  
*Bishop of Massachusetts.* }

The Rev. J. S. Townsend reports that during the Conventional year, 1860-61, he was disabled by a long and dangerous illness from performing any ministerial duty until Easter, 1861, when he became assistant Minister in St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia. A wondrous miracle of mercy has brought him back to life and health again, from the very embrace of death. It is a mysterious Providence and a joyous disappointment, which deserves to call forth my eternal gratitude and praise, and renewed zeal and activity in the Master's Vineyard.

J. S. TOWNSEND.

*To the Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D.D.*

The undersigned respectfully reports that he has preached during the past year twenty-five times ; that he has administered the holy communion, or assisted in the same, nine times ; that he has read the burial service once, baptized one child, and married one couple. Besides which he has attended to his duties as Principal of Concord Hall School for young ladies.

D. G. HASKINS.

*To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts :*

The undersigned has officiated to the extent of his ability during the last year, at St. Paul's, Brookline.

Jamaica Plain.

THEODORE W. SNOW.

# Abstract of Parochial Reports.

MAY, 1861.

| TOWNS. | Churches.      | Rectors.             | Baptisms. |         |        | Communi-<br>cants. |                              |                    | Confirmed. | Marriages. | Burials. | Sunday<br>Schools. | Contributions for<br>religious purposes. |                            |                            |
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| over   | Christ         | B. B. Babbitt        | 12        | 1       | 13     | 7                  | 7                            | 120                | 4          | 2          | 14       | 133                | 226 80                                   | 1061 62                    |                            |
| leld   | St. John's     | C. H. Gardiner       | ....      | 4       | 4      | ....               | 4                            | 40                 | 4          | 6          | 1        | 20                 | 12 00                                    | 720 00                     |                            |
| boro'  | Grace          | E. Cowley            | 6         | 1       | 7      | 11                 | 10                           | 24                 | 4          | 1          | 3        | 120                | ....                                     | 451 17                     |                            |
| ardale | St. Paul's     | N. G. Allen          | 2         | 1       | 3      | 2                  | 5                            | 25                 | 2          | 2          | 1        | 25                 | 23 00                                    | 152 25                     |                            |
|        | Trinity        | M. Eastburn, D.D.    | 12        | 1       | 13     | ....               | ....                         | 370                | 10         | 7          | 10       | 125                | 7306 64                                  | 1331 10                    |                            |
|        | Christ         | A. G. Mercer, D.D.   | 20        | 3       | 23     | 30                 | 6                            | 80                 | 7          | 12         | 9        | 86                 | 66 55                                    | 980 81                     |                            |
|        | St. Paul's     | J. T. Burrill, D.D.  | 16        | 1       | 17     | ....               | ....                         | 400                | 15         | 12         | 4        | 140                | 2636 00                                  | 933 80                     |                            |
|        | Grace          | W. R. Nicholson      | 15        | 3       | 18     | 25                 | 23                           | 200                | 10         | 7          | 10       | 135                | 4146 00                                  | 600 00                     |                            |
|        | Messiah        | C. Mason, D. D.      | 31        | 4       | 35     | 45                 | 43                           | 352                | 13         | 11         | 16       | 262                | 1427 27                                  | 613 00                     |                            |
|        | Advent         | G. M. Randall, D.D.  | 29        | 15      | 44     | 48                 | 10                           | 440                | 36         | 16         | 20       | 132                | 467 00                                   | 10268 17                   |                            |
|        | St. Mark's     | J. A. Bollea, D.D.   | 22        | 6       | 28     | 56                 | 18                           | 261                | 16         | 2          | 15       | ....               | 229 00                                   | 444 12                     |                            |
|        | St. Stephen's  | M. P. Stuckney.      | 73        | ....    | 73     | ....               | 200                          | 35                 | 37         | 45         | 150      | ....               | 948 86                                   | ....                       |                            |
|        | Emmanuel       | E. M. P. Wells, D.D. | 6         | 11      | 16     | ....               | ....                         | 52                 | 5          | 7          | ....     | ....               | ....                                     | ....                       |                            |
|        | St. Matthew's  | F. D. Huntington.    | 53        | 4       | 57     | 51                 | 6                            | 130                | 24         | 13         | 21       | 100                | 107 88                                   | 856 86                     |                            |
|        | St. John's     | H. McClary (D.D.)    | 8         | ....    | 8      | ....               | ....                         | 50                 | ....       | 4          | 6        | 100                | ....                                     | ....                       |                            |
|        | Seaman's Chapl | J. T. Burrill        | 8         | 3       | 11     | ....               | ....                         | 16                 | 6          | 4          | 2        | ....               | ....                                     | ....                       |                            |
|        | St. Mary's     | J. P. Robinson       | 23        | 3       | 26     | ....               | ....                         | 55                 | 9          | 20         | 23       | 40                 | ....                                     | ....                       |                            |
|        | Trinity        | Vacant               | ....      | ....    | ....   | ....               | ....                         | 20                 | ....       | ....       | ....     | ....               | ....                                     | ....                       |                            |
|        | Grace*         | Vacant               | ....      | ....    | ....   | ....               | ....                         | 14                 | ....       | ....       | ....     | 17                 | ....                                     | ....                       |                            |
|        | St. Paul's     | J. St. Stone, D. D.  | 10        | 1       | 11     | 13                 | 5                            | 115                | 10         | 2          | 3        | ....               | 3177 58                                  | 285 89                     |                            |
|        | Christ         | N. Hoppin, D.D.      | 27        | 1       | 28     | 47                 | 33                           | 214                | 8          | 7          | 15       | 102                | 694 86                                   | 156 55                     |                            |
|        | St. Peter's*   | W. P. Page           | ....      | ....    | ....   | ....               | ....                         | 65                 | 10         | ....       | ....     | 70                 | ....                                     | ....                       |                            |
|        | St. John's     | T. R. Lambert        | 53        | 21      | 74     | ....               | ....                         | 270                | 26         | 16         | 28       | 262                | 484 00                                   | 353 45                     |                            |
|        | St. Luke's     | R. B. Palmer         | 15        | ....    | 15     | 25                 | 22                           | 51                 | ....       | 8          | 5        | 45                 | ....                                     | 414 88                     |                            |
|        | St. Andrew's   | A. Mason             | 17        | 7       | 24     | 12                 | 9                            | 59                 | 8          | ....       | 9        | 57                 | ....                                     | 108 50                     |                            |
|        | Grace*         | Vacant               | ....      | ....    | ....   | ....               | ....                         | 28                 | ....       | ....       | ....     | 80                 | ....                                     | ....                       |                            |
|        | Christ*        | J. H. Rouse          | ....      | ....    | ....   | ....               | ....                         | 44                 | 1          | ....       | ....     | 129                | ....                                     | ....                       |                            |
|        | Calvary        | R. F. Chase          | 11        | 3       | 14     | 6                  | 2                            | 40                 | 8          | ....       | 6        | 50                 | 64 62                                    | 53 18                      |                            |
|        | St. Paul's     | S. B. Babcock        | 4         | 1       | 5      | 4                  | 0                            | 128                | ....       | 3          | 7        | 80                 | 349 18                                   | 1400 00                    |                            |
|        | St. Mary's     | W. H. Mills          | 8         | ....    | 8      | ....               | ....                         | 14                 | ....       | ....       | ....     | 81                 | 133 50                                   | 596 06                     |                            |
|        | Ascension      | E. M. Porter         | 38        | 3       | 41     | 21                 | 8                            | 112                | 14         | 21         | 22       | 250                | 20 00                                    | 155 85                     |                            |
|        | St. James's    | C. A. L. Richards    | 6         | ....    | 6      | ....               | ....                         | 120                | 7          | 3          | 10       | 120                | 100 00                                   | 376 42                     |                            |
|        | St. James's    | S. R. Jones          | 25        | 24      | 49     | ....               | ....                         | 152                | 48         | 10         | 14       | 155                | 55 45                                    | 278 02                     |                            |
|        | St. Andrew's   | S. Cutler            | 5         | 9       | 14     | 12                 | 1                            | 108                | 11         | 3          | 6        | 50                 | 321 88                                   | 101 56                     |                            |
|        | Trinity        | C. H. Seymour        | 10        | 2       | 12     | 8                  | 4                            | 60                 | 4          | 5          | 4        | 70                 | 45 00                                    | 275 00                     |                            |
|        | St. Paul's     | A. L. Bairy          | 3         | ....    | 3      | 2                  | 8                            | 28                 | ....       | 1          | 20       | ....               | 6 00                                     | 18 00                      |                            |
|        | St. Luke's     | S. B. Shaw           | 4         | ....    | 4      | ....               | ....                         | 15                 | 1          | 3          | 10       | 65                 | 78 00                                    | 255 00                     |                            |
|        | Grace          | G. Packard           | 29        | 5       | 34     | 15                 | 24                           | 121                | 9          | 12         | 20       | 150                | 138 00                                   | 334 86                     |                            |
|        | St. George's   | W. H. Leach          | 6         | 1       | 7      | 9                  | 4                            | 50                 | 2          | 1          | 7        | 80                 | ....                                     | ....                       |                            |
|        | Trinity        | H. A. Yardley        | 8         | 1       | 9      | ....               | ....                         | 4                  | ....       | 1          | 1        | ....               | 144 15                                   | 42 22                      |                            |
|        | St. Anne's     | F. Edson, D. D.      | 80        | 25      | 105    | 108                | 65                           | 497                | 50         | 25         | 62       | 400                | 1445 25                                  | 435 56                     |                            |
|        | St. Stephen's  | C. W. Homer          | 19        | 11      | 30     | ....               | ....                         | 2                  | 100        | 29         | 6        | 75                 | ....                                     | ....                       |                            |
|        | St. Michael's  | E. H. True           | 12        | 1       | 13     | 3                  | 3                            | 62                 | 3          | 8          | 6        | 133                | 10 00                                    | 228 38                     |                            |
|        | Grace*         | E. B. Chase          | 38        | 2       | 40     | 1                  | 1                            | 66                 | ....       | 3          | 4        | 113                | 144 63                                   | 455 02                     |                            |
|        | St. John's     | G. A. Strong         | ....      | ....    | ....   | ....               | ....                         | 40                 | ....       | ....       | ....     | 40                 | ....                                     | ....                       |                            |
|        | Trinity        | W. H. Munroe         | 10        | 1       | 11     | 8                  | 12                           | 63                 | 8          | 7          | 4        | 70                 | 7 00                                     | 45 00                      |                            |
|        | St. Paul's     | J. V. Lewis          | 29        | 9       | 38     | 24                 | 5                            | 75                 | 9          | 5          | 8        | 70                 | 79 68                                    | 140 69                     |                            |
|        | St. Paul's*    | Vacant               | ....      | ....    | ....   | ....               | ....                         | 21                 | ....       | ....       | ....     | 18                 | ....                                     | ....                       |                            |
|        | Grace          | J. P. Tustin         | 24        | 1       | 25     | 3                  | 11                           | 223                | 2          | 3          | 11       | 162                | 208 55                                   | 711 05                     |                            |
|        | St. Andrew's   | E. F. Watson         | ....      | ....    | ....   | ....               | ....                         | 12                 | 2          | ....       | ....     | 30                 | 3 35                                     | 13 61                      |                            |
|        | St. Paul's     | W. Horton, D. D.     | 0         | 2       | 11     | ....               | ....                         | 200                | 18         | 9          | 23       | 125                | 562 45                                   | 148 50                     |                            |
|        | St. Mary's     | W. W. Sever          | 13        | 5       | 18     | 14                 | 7                            | 125                | 6          | 3          | 15       | 120                | 237 14                                   | 180 71                     |                            |
|        | Grace          | J. S. C. Greene      | 22        | 4       | 26     | 15                 | 13                           | 88                 | 10         | 3          | 10       | 90                 | 182 74                                   | 560 00                     |                            |
|        | St. John's     | W. Tatlock           | 20        | 2       | 22     | 15                 | ....                         | 40                 | 6          | ....       | ....     | 64                 | 27 20                                    | 918 05                     |                            |
|        | St. John's     | H. H. Bean           | 6         | ....    | 6      | 3                  | 7                            | 69                 | 3          | 3          | ....     | 40                 | 100 00                                   | 168 72                     |                            |
|        | St. Paul's     | E. F. Watson         | ....      | 2       | 2      | 6                  | ....                         | 15                 | 4          | ....       | ....     | 25                 | 3 95                                     | 175 97                     |                            |
|        | Trinity        | E. De Zeng           | 13        | 1       | 14     | 15                 | 1                            | 94                 | 11         | ....       | 6        | 113                | 25 00                                    | 170 60                     |                            |
|        | St. Stephen's  | J. J. Bowden         | 13        | 10      | 23     | 19                 | 7                            | 129                | 10         | 3          | 8        | 84                 | ....                                     | ....                       |                            |
|        | Christ*        | Vacant               | ....      | ....    | ....   | ....               | ....                         | 47                 | ....       | ....       | ....     | 14                 | ....                                     | ....                       |                            |
|        | Christ         | H. Burroughs         | 18        | ....    | 18     | 7                  | 1                            | 40                 | ....       | ....       | ....     | 6                  | ....                                     | 32 00                      |                            |
|        | St. James's    | G. S. Converse       | 48        | 6       | 54     | 39                 | 17                           | 172                | 18         | 4          | 27       | 261                | 460 05                                   | 4591 13                    |                            |
|        | St. John's     | W. R. Babcock        | 15        | ....    | 15     | 20                 | 9                            | 140                | ....       | 3          | 6        | 75                 | 450 00                                   | 877 00                     |                            |
|        | St. Peter's    | W. R. Pickman        | 13        | 3       | 16     | ....               | ....                         | 250                | ....       | 2          | 7        | 130                | 543 22                                   | 326 00                     |                            |
|        | Grace          | G. D. Wildes         | 3         | ....    | 3      | 5                  | 7                            | 60                 | ....       | 4          | 9        | 110                | 84 85                                    | 805 89                     |                            |
|        | St. John's*    | Vacant               | ....      | ....    | ....   | ....               | ....                         | 16                 | ....       | ....       | ....     | 80                 | ....                                     | ....                       |                            |
|        | Christ         | G. H. McKnight       | 12        | 6       | 18     | 18                 | 24                           | 168                | 13         | 9          | 9        | 100                | 244 55                                   | 1088 78                    |                            |
|        | St. Paul's     | S. P. Parker         | 5         | ....    | 5      | 1                  | 10                           | 60                 | 3          | 5          | 6        | 50                 | 36 50                                    | 451 00                     |                            |
|        | Christ         | N. W. Munroe         | ....      | ....    | ....   | ....               | ....                         | 5                  | ....       | ....       | ....     | 2                  | 35                                       | ....                       |                            |
|        | St. Thomas's   | T. H. Vail, D. D.    | 30        | 2       | 32     | 18                 | 12                           | 251                | ....       | 7          | 20       | 268                | 1250 00                                  | 300 04                     |                            |
|        | Christ         | L. Green             | 2         | 3       | 5      | 8                  | ....                         | 38                 | 3          | 2          | 2        | 30                 | 87 00                                    | 172 87                     |                            |
|        | St. John's     | T. F. Fales          | 2         | 4       | 6      | 12                 | 13                           | 80                 | 10         | 6          | 10       | 36                 | 19 20                                    | 185 30                     |                            |
|        | Messiah        | W. G. Hawkins        | 5         | 2       | 7      | ....               | 9                            | 50                 | 4          | 4          | 6        | 60                 | 43 75                                    | 21 75                      |                            |
|        | All Saints'    | T. B. Flower         | ....      | ....    | ....   | ....               | ....                         | 13                 | 6          | ....       | 4        | 18                 | 59 75                                    | 2241 30                    |                            |
|        | Wester         | G. W. Hager          | 21        | 5       | 26     | 25                 | 4                            | 125                | 10         | 9          | 4        | 75                 | ....                                     | ....                       |                            |

1113 247 1360 825 492 5268 660 381 784 6550 31380 61 38150

\* No Report.

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† Number last reported.

‡ From the Bishop's address.

*Appendix.*

Dr. BOARD OF MISSIONS TO SEAMEN in account with B. C. CLARK, Treasurer. Cr.

|                |                                                                  |                     |                                              |           |
|----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1861.<br>May 1 | To Amts. paid for Sundries, as per book, to<br>May 1, 1861,..... | 1861.<br>May 1      | By Balance, May 1, 1860.....                 | \$1011 05 |
|                | " Balance.....                                                   | \$1834 76<br>436 18 | " Amounts recd. as per book, to May 1, 1861, | 1259 89   |
|                |                                                                  |                     |                                              |           |
|                |                                                                  | \$2270 94           |                                              | \$2270 94 |
|                |                                                                  | 1861.<br>May 1.     | By Balance .....                             | 436 18    |

Boston, May 27, 1861.

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B. C. CLARK,  
Treasurer Board of Missions to Seamen.

## Appendix.

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## Dr. SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF WIDOWS AND ORPHANS

|          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Charity<br>Fund. | Annuity<br>Fund. |
|----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1860.    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                  |                  |
| June 26. | For cash deposited in the Mass. Hos. Life Insurance Company,<br>Policy No. 8480, for Annuity Fund, - - - - -                                                                                                                 |                  | \$1000 00        |
| July 6.  | For cash paid widow of Bishop Griswold, - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                            | 15 00            |                  |
| "        | " " Dr. T. Strong, - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 15 00            |                  |
| "        | " " child of Dr. W. Croswell, - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                      | 10 00            |                  |
| Aug. 6.  | For cash paid Rev. Wm. T. Smithett, late Rector of Christ Church,<br>Boston, being amount of payments made by him, and now with-<br>drawn in accordance with the provisions of By-Laws, Chap. III.<br>Article 4th, - - - - - |                  | 50 00            |
| Oct. 1.  | For cash paid widow of Bishop Griswold, - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                            | 15 00            |                  |
| "        | " " Dr. Strong, - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 15 00            |                  |
| 1861.    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                  |                  |
| Jan. 3.  | For cash paid widow of Bishop Griswold, - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                            | 15 00            |                  |
| "        | " " Dr. Strong, - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 15 00            |                  |
| April 1. | " " Bishop Griswold, - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                               | 15 00            |                  |
| "        | " " Dr. Strong, - - - - -                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 15 00            |                  |
| May 7.   | For cash paid for a certificate of U. S. Loan of 1861—\$1000 6 per<br>cent. coupon, payable in 20 years—for Annuity Fund. - - - - -                                                                                          |                  | 890 00           |
|          | For amount contributed by St. Paul's Church, Boston, to Charity<br>Fund, since transferred to Annuity Fund as the subscription for<br>1860 of Rev. Dr. Nicholson, - - - - -                                                  | 25 00            |                  |
|          | For amount on hand, belonging to Charity Fund, and carried to<br>new account, - - - - -                                                                                                                                      | 468 28           |                  |
|          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <u>\$628 28</u>  | <u>\$1990 00</u> |

The undersigned, as auditors, have examined the foregoing account, and find the same to  
be correctly cast and properly vouched.

Boston, May 7, 1861.

ISAAC EMERY,  
FKED. H. STIMPSON.

## Appendix.

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in account with ALFRED L. BAURY, Treasurer.

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|          |                                                                                                                   | Charity Fund. | Annuity Fund. |
|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1861.    | By amounts on hand from old account, - - - - -                                                                    | \$218 53      | \$832 83      |
| May 4    | " cash received in Offertory at Convention, - - - - -                                                             | 69 01         |               |
| "        | " from Grace Church, Newton Corner, - - - - -                                                                     | 20 00         |               |
| "        | " from Grace Church, Andover, \$20 (\$10 Sub. of Rev. B. B. Babbitt, \$10 Charity Fund), - - - - -                | 10 00         | 10 00         |
| "        | " cash received from Rev. E. M. Porter, Fall River, Sub. 3 yrs, - - - - -                                         | 3 00          |               |
| April 30 | " from Christ Church, Waltham, Sub. for 1860 of Rev. Mr. Fales, - - - - -                                         |               | 25 00         |
| May 1    | " from Church of Messiah, Boston, \$23 (\$3 Charity Fund, \$20 Sub. Dr. Randall,) - - - - -                       | 3 00          | 25 00         |
| "        | " Sub. of Rev. Dr. Fuller, - - - - -                                                                              |               | 10 00         |
| "        | " Sub. of Rev. J. H. Clinch, - - - - -                                                                            |               | 10 00         |
| "        | " from St. Thomas's, Taunton, - - - - -                                                                           | 15 00         |               |
| 5        | " from Rev. J. Cotton Smith, annual Sub., - - - - -                                                               | 1 00          |               |
| "        | " 6 mos. interest of City of Bath bond, - - - - -                                                                 |               | 30 00         |
| "        | " Dividend of "Great Falls" Stock, - - - - -                                                                      | 50 00         |               |
| Aug. 10  | " from St. James's, St. Barrington, Rev. C. A. L. Richards, - - - - -                                             | 10 00         |               |
| 18       | " 6 mos. interest on City of Boston Bond, - - - - -                                                               |               | 25 00         |
| Oct. 3   | " from St. Paul's, Brookline, Dr. Stone, - - - - -                                                                | 50 00         |               |
| 15       | " Dividends on Bank Stock, - - - - -                                                                              |               | 330 50        |
| 1861. A  |                                                                                                                   |               |               |
| Jan. 4   | " 6 mos. interest on City of Boston Bond, - - - - -                                                               |               | 25 00         |
| "        | " 6 mos. interest on City of Bath Bond, - - - - -                                                                 |               | 30 00         |
| "        | " Dividend on Great Falls Stock, - - - - -                                                                        | 50 00         |               |
| "        | " Sub. of Rev. E. A. Renouf, - - - - -                                                                            | 2 00          |               |
| March 4  | " St. Anne's, Lowell, \$32 63, (\$7 63 Charity, \$25 Sub. of Rev. Dr. Edson,) - - - - -                           | 7 63          | 25 00         |
| 5        | " from St. Peter's, Salem, Rev. W. R. Pickman, - - - - -                                                          | 39 00         |               |
| 11       | " from St. Stephens's, Boston, Rev. Dr. Wells, - - - - -                                                          | 12 00         |               |
| 12       | " from St. John's, Wilkinsonville, Sub. of Rev. Mr. Hawkins, - - - - -                                            |               | 5 00          |
| 18       | " from Church of the Messiah, \$27 42, (\$2 42 Charity, \$25 Sub. of Dr. Randall,) - - - - -                      | 2 42          | 25 00         |
| 19       | " from All Saints' Worcester, Rev. E. W. Hager, - - - - -                                                         | 15 00         |               |
| April 1  | " St. Andrew's, Sub. of Rev. S. Cutler, - - - - -                                                                 |               | 20 00         |
| 2        | " Rev. R. J. Parvin, Sub. for 1861, - - - - -                                                                     |               | 10 00         |
| "        | " from Christ Church, Waltham, Sub. of Rev. Mr. Fales, - - - - -                                                  |               | 25 00         |
| 6        | " Dividends on Bank Stock, - - - - -                                                                              |               | 257 00        |
| 6        | " Sub. for 1861 of Rev. J. H. Clinch, - - - - -                                                                   |               | 10 00         |
| "        | " Church of the Advent, Boston, \$39 64, (\$4 64 Charity, \$25 Sub. Dr. Bolles, \$10 do. Mr. Stickney,) - - - - - | 4 64          | 35 00         |
| 9        | " Grace Church, Boston, - - - - -                                                                                 | 40 00         |               |
| 26       | " Grace Church, Lawrence, Sub. of Dr. Packard, - - - - -                                                          |               | 25 00         |
| May      | " Annual Sub. of Fred. H. Stimpson, - - - - -                                                                     | 1 00          |               |
| "        | " amount transferred from Charity to Annuity Fund, as per contract, - - - - -                                     |               | 25 00         |
| "        | " balance due me from Annuity Fund, and carried to new account, - - - - -                                         |               | 114 67        |
|          |                                                                                                                   | \$623 23      | \$1330 00     |

Boston, May 1, 1861.

(Errors excepted.)

ALFRED L. BAURY, Treasurer.



**DR. CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF MASSACHUSETTS**

|       |                                             |          |
|-------|---------------------------------------------|----------|
| 1861. |                                             |          |
| May.  | Rev. Samuel B. Shaw, travel, .....          | \$10 00  |
| 9     | Rev. T. B. Flower, travel, .....            | 5 00     |
| "     | Rev. N. W. Munroe, travel, .....            | 5 00     |
| "     | Rev. W. G. Hawkins, travel, .....           | 3 25     |
| "     | Mr. Richard Dillon, attendance on Con. .... | 7 00     |
| "     | Printing Journal in full, 1860, .....       | 136 75   |
| "     | Postage, .....                              | 1 00     |
|       | Cash on hand .....                          | 428 94   |
|       |                                             | <hr/>    |
|       |                                             | \$596 94 |

**IN ARREARS.**

1859.

St. John's Church, Millville.

1860 &amp; 1861.

St. Paul's Church, Anburndale.  
 St. John's Church, Ashfield.  
 St. John's Church, East Boston.  
 St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville.  
 Trinity Church, Bridgewater.  
 St. Peter's Church, Cambridge.  
 St. Luke's Church, Chelsea.

St. Stephen's Church, Lynn.  
 St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield.  
 St. Paul's Church, Otis.  
 St. Andrew's Church, New Boston. ]  
 St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.  
 St. James's Church, Greenfield.

1861.

Christ Church, Boston.  
 Christ Church, Clappville.  
 St. George's Church, Lee.  
 Trinity Church, Pawtucket.

Christ Church, Quincy.  
 St. Paul's Church, Stockbridge.  
 Trinity Church, Vandeusenville.

*an account with S. B. BABCOCK, Treasurer.*

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|--------|----------------------------------------------------|--------|
| 1861.  |                                                    |        |
| May 9. | Cash on hand,.....                                 | 7 94   |
| "      | Christ Church, Andover,.....                       | 8 00   |
| "      | St. Paul's Church, Brookline,.....                 | 20 00  |
| "      | Grace Church, Salem,.....                          | 15 00  |
| "      | Grace Church, Boston,.....                         | 15 00  |
| "      | St. Mark's, Church, Boston, (1859,).....           | 10 00  |
| "      | " " " (1861,).....                                 | 15 00  |
| "      | St. Matthew's Church, Boston,.....                 | 10 00  |
| "      | St. Paul's Church, Boston,.....                    | 50 00  |
| "      | Trinity Church, Boston,.....                       | 30 00  |
| "      | Advent Church, Boston,.....                        | 25 00  |
| "      | Church of the Messiah, Boston,.....                | 20 00  |
| "      | St. Anne's Church, Lowell,.....                    | 16 00  |
| "      | Grace Church, New Bedford, (1860,).....            | 15 00  |
| "      | " " " (1861,).....                                 | 15 00  |
| "      | St. John's Church, Millville,.....                 | 7 50   |
| "      | St. Andrew's Church, Hanover,.....                 | 8 00   |
| "      | St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville,.....            | 5 00   |
| "      | Christ Church, Swansea,.....                       | 3 50   |
| "      | St. Andrew's Church, Chelsea,.....                 | 8 00   |
| "      | St. Luke's Church, Lanesboro',.....                | 6 00   |
| "      | St. John's Church, Charlestown,.....               | 15 00  |
| "      | St. Peter's Church, Salem,.....                    | 15 00  |
| "      | St. James's Church, Roxbury,.....                  | 15 00  |
| "      | St. John's Church, North Adams, (1860,).....       | 4 00   |
| "      | " " " (1861,).....                                 | 4 00   |
| "      | Grace Church, Lawrence,.....                       | 10 00  |
| "      | Grace Church, Newton,.....                         | 7 50   |
| "      | St. Paul's Church, Newburyport,.....               | 8 00   |
| "      | St. John's Church, Northampton, (1860,).....       | 5 00   |
| "      | " " " (1861,).....                                 | 5 00   |
| "      | Christ Church, Waltham,.....                       | 7 50   |
| "      | Grace Church, Medford, (in full,).....             | 28 00  |
| "      | All Saints' Church, Worcester, (1859,).....        | 8 00   |
| "      | " " " (1861,).....                                 | 13 00  |
| "      | St. Mary's Church, Lower Falls, (1860,).....       | 8 00   |
| "      | " " " (1861,).....                                 | 8 00   |
| "      | Christ Church, Springfield, (1860,).....           | 12 50  |
| "      | " " " (1861,).....                                 | 12 50  |
| "      | St. John's Church, Jamaica Plain,.....             | 18 00  |
| "      | Trinity Church, Haverhill,.....                    | 6 00   |
| "      | Calvary Church, Danvers,.....                      | 2 00   |
| "      | Church of Ascension, Fall River,.....              | 6 00   |
| "      | Christ Church, Cambridge,.....                     | 14 00  |
| "      | St. James's Church, Great Barrington, (1860,)..... | 9 00   |
| "      | " " " (1861,).....                                 | 9 00   |
| "      | St. Mary's Church, Dorchester,.....                | 13 00  |
| "      | St. Paul's Church, Dedham,.....                    | 12 00  |
| "      | St. Thomas's Church, Taunton,.....                 | 10 00  |
| "      | Church of Messiah, Wood's Hole,.....               | 2 00   |
|        |                                                    | 596 94 |

SAMUEL B. BABCOCK, Treasurer.

# MISSIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED BY THE TREASURER.

| From whom received.            | Diocesan. | Domestic. | Foreign. | Special. | Total.  |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|---------|
| Andover — Christ Church, -     | 82 50     | 83 70     | 88 75    | ..       | 168 95  |
| Ashfield — St. John's, -       | 7 00      | ..        | ..       | ..       | 7 00    |
| Amesbury — St. James's, -      | ..        | 11 00     | 5 00     | 5 00     | 21 00   |
| Auburndale — St. Paul's, -     | 5 50      | 8 00      | 3 50     | 10 00    | 27 00   |
| Boston — Advent, -             | 55 25     | 2 25      | ..       | ..       | 57 50   |
| " — Christ, -                  | ..        | ..        | ..       | 61 00    | 61 00   |
| " — Emmanuel, -                | 115 00    | ..        | ..       | ..       | 115 00  |
| " — Grace, -                   | 190 00    | 90 00     | 135 00   | ..       | 415 00  |
| " — St. John's, -              | ..        | ..        | ..       | ..       | ..      |
| " — St. Matthew's, -           | ..        | ..        | ..       | ..       | ..      |
| " — Messiah, -                 | 108 50    | 50 00     | 40 00    | ..       | 198 50  |
| " — St. Mark's, -              | 185 00    | ..        | ..       | ..       | 185 00  |
| " — St. Paul's, -              | 777 40    | 618 53    | 631 02   | 1143 48  | 3165 43 |
| " — St. Stephen's, -           | 115 00    | ..        | ..       | ..       | 115 00  |
| " — Trinity, -                 | 651 91    | 531 15    | 33 36    | 75 00    | 991 42  |
| Bridgewater — Trinity, -       | ..        | ..        | ..       | ..       | ..      |
| Brookline — St. Paul's, -      | 150 00    | ..        | ..       | ..       | 150 00  |
| Chicopee — Grace, -            | ..        | ..        | ..       | ..       | ..      |
| Cambridge — Christ, -          | 58 00     | ..        | 40 00    | 120 00   | 218 00  |
| Cambridgeport — St. Peter's, - | ..        | ..        | ..       | ..       | ..      |
| Charlestown — St. John's, -    | 57 00     | ..        | ..       | ..       | 57 00   |
| Chelsea — St. Luke's, -        | ..        | ..        | ..       | ..       | ..      |
| " — St. Andrew's, -            | ..        | ..        | ..       | ..       | ..      |
| Clappville — Christ, -         | ..        | ..        | ..       | ..       | ..      |
| Dedham — St. Paul's, -         | 118 18    | ..        | ..       | ..       | 118 18  |
| Danvers — Calvary, -           | 82 64     | ..        | ..       | ..       | 82 64   |
| Dorchester — St. Mary's, -     | 40 00     | ..        | ..       | ..       | 40 00   |
| Full River — Ascension, -      | 10 00     | ..        | ..       | ..       | 10 00   |
| Great Barrington — St. James's | 50 00     | ..        | ..       | ..       | 50 00   |
| Greenfield — St. James's, -    | 22 00     | ..        | ..       | ..       | 22 00   |
| Haverhill — Trinity, -         | 3 00      | ..        | ..       | ..       | 3 00    |
| Hanover — St. Andrew's, -      | 25 00     | ..        | 62 38    | ..       | 87 38   |
| Hopkinton — St. Paul's, -      | ..        | 2 50      | ..       | ..       | 2 50    |
| Jamaica Plain — St. John's,    | 175 00    | 57 50     | 50 00    | 30 00    | 312 50  |
| Lanesboro' — St. Luke's, -     | 5 00      | 5 00      | 5 00     | ..       | 15 00   |
| Lawrence — Grace, -            | 60 05     | ..        | ..       | ..       | 60 05   |
| Lenox — Trinity, -             | 37 64     | ..        | ..       | ..       | 37 64   |
| Lowell — St. Anne's, -         | 114 00    | ..        | ..       | ..       | 114 00  |
| Lee, — St. George's, -         | 6 00      | ..        | ..       | ..       | 6 00    |
| Lynn — St. Stephen's, -        | ..        | ..        | ..       | ..       | ..      |
| Marblehead — St. Michael's, -  | ..        | ..        | ..       | ..       | ..      |
| Medford — Grace, -             | ..        | ..        | ..       | ..       | ..      |
| Millicent — St. John's, -      | 11 50     | ..        | ..       | ..       | 11 50   |
| Melrose — Trinity, -           | ..        | ..        | ..       | ..       | ..      |
| Nantucket — St. Paul's, -      | ..        | ..        | ..       | ..       | ..      |
| New Bedford — Grace, -         | ..        | ..        | ..       | ..       | ..      |
| Newton Corner — Grace, -       | 81 92     | ..        | ..       | ..       | 81 92   |
| Newburyport — St. Paul's, -    | 75 00     | 60 00     | 40 00    | ..       | 175 00  |
| New Boston — St. Andrew's, -   | 2 35      | 1 00      | ..       | ..       | 3 35    |
| Newton L. Falls — St. Mary's,  | 30 00     | ..        | 27 18    | ..       | 57 18   |
| Northampton — St. John's, -    | 10 00     | 10 00     | ..       | ..       | 20 00   |
| North Adams — St. John's, -    | 13 87     | ..        | ..       | ..       | 13 87   |
| Otis — St. Paul's, -           | 3 97      | 1 00      | ..       | ..       | 4 97    |
| Pawtucket — Trinity, -         | 20 00     | ..        | ..       | ..       | 20 00   |
| Plymouth — Christ, -           | ..        | ..        | ..       | ..       | ..      |
| Pittsfield — St. Stephen's, -  | ..        | ..        | ..       | ..       | ..      |
| Quincy — Christ, -             | ..        | ..        | ..       | ..       | ..      |
| Roxbury — St. James's, -       | 110 29    | ..        | ..       | ..       | 110 29  |
| Salem — St. Peter's, -         | 166 22    | ..        | ..       | ..       | 166 22  |
| " — Grace, -                   | 55 00     | ..        | 30 00    | 15 00    | 100 00  |
| Springfield — Christ, -        | 20 00     | ..        | ..       | ..       | 20 00   |
| Stockbridge — St. Paul's, -    | 36 50     | ..        | ..       | ..       | 36 50   |
| Swansea — Christ, -            | 2 00      | ..        | ..       | ..       | 2 00    |
| Taunton — St. Thomas's, -      | 65 00     | 56 00     | 70 00    | ..       | 191 00  |
| Van Deusenville — Trinity, -   | 15 00     | ..        | ..       | ..       | 15 00   |
| Walham — Christ, -             | 62 50     | 5 00      | 22 00    | ..       | 89 50   |
| Wilkinsonville — St. John's, - | ..        | ..        | ..       | ..       | ..      |
| Wood's Hole — Messiah, -       | 15 00     | 17 75     | 10 00    | ..       | 42 75   |
| Worcester — All Saints', -     | ..        | ..        | ..       | ..       | ..      |
| Individual Donations -         | 200 00    | 20 00     | 25 00    | ..       | 145 00  |
|                                | 3797 69   | 1625 88   | 1282 19  | 1459 48  | 6164 74 |





**Constitution**  
**OF THE**  
**PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**IN THE**  
**DIOCESE OF MASSACHUSETTS,**  
**AS AMENDED**  
**IN CONVENTION, JUNE, 1841, 1846, MAY, 1852, JANUARY, 1856,**  
**AND MAY, 1859.**

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**ARTICLE I.**

**THIS Church, as a constituent part of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, accedes to the General Constitution of that Church, and acknowledges its authority.**

**ARTICLE II.**

**There shall be a stated Convention of the Church in this Diocese, at Boston, on the second Wednesday in June, in every year, unless a different time and place be fixed on by a preceding Convention. Special meetings of the Convention shall be called by the Bishop, when, in his judgment, the good of the Church may require it, or when the Standing Committee shall request it. And when the Episcopal Chair is vacant, the Standing Committee shall have power to call such Convention. Provided, always, that no business shall be done at any special Convention, other than is specified in the notice calling such Convention.**

**ARTICLE III.**

**The Convention shall be composed of Clergymen and Laymen.**

**The Bishop and the assistant Bishop, when there is one, shall have a seat and a vote in the Convention. Every other clergyman of the Church of whatever order, being a settled minister**

or regularly officiating in some parish within this Diocese; or being a President, Professor, Tutor or Instructor in some College or Seminary of learning, and performing clerical functions; or being a Missionary under the direction of the ecclesiastical authority of this Diocese, or a Chaplain in the army or navy of the United States, or in any benevolent or other public institution, shall be entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention, if he have been actually as well as canonically resident within this Diocese, for the space of six calendar months next before the meeting of the Convention, and has, for the same period, been employed in performing the duties of his station, or have been canonically instituted. Provided, however, that no clergyman otherwise entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention, shall, by reason of advanced years, or infirm health, or temporary absence, be divested of such privilege.


Every parish in this Diocese, in union with this Convention, shall be entitled to send to the Convention a lay delegate, or delegates, not exceeding three, a certificate of whose appointment, signed by the Wardens or Parish Clerk, shall, before his or their admission to a seat, be laid before the Convention. Provided, that no person shall be competent to serve as a lay delegate unless he be a stated worshipper in the parish which he represents. The delegation from each parish shall be entitled on a division, by orders, to but one vote.

#### ARTICLE IV.

New parishes may be admitted into union with this Convention, on motion, by a majority of votes, provided they shall have laid before the Convention written evidence, subscribed by the Wardens and Vestry, that they have been duly organized for the space of one year, and during that time have held regular public services, and accede to the Constitution and Canons of this Church.

#### ARTICLE V.

The Bishop of this Diocese shall preside in the Convention. But in case of vacancy, or necessary absence, the members shall elect a president from among the clergy.



## ARTICLE VI.

A Secretary shall be chosen upon the assembling of the Annual Convention, from among the members thereof, who shall remain in office until the meeting of the next Convention.

## ARTICLE VII.

The members of the Convention present on due notification, and duly organized, shall constitute a quorum to transact the ordinary business of the Convention. The clergy and lay delegates shall deliberate as one body, and vote as such, except when a division is called for by three clerical members, or by the lay delegations from three parishes represented in the Convention; in which case a concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to carry any measure. All elections shall be by ballot, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

## ARTICLE VIII.

There shall be a Standing Committee, to consist of six members; three clergymen and three laymen. They shall keep regular minutes of their proceedings, and shall report the same annually to the Convention. A majority shall be a quorum.

## ARTICLE IX.

This Constitution shall not be subject to alteration in any article, except at the annual meeting of the Convention; nor unless such alteration shall have been proposed and accepted by the Convention for consideration at one annual meeting previous to its adoption.



**Canon of 1828,**  
**AMENDED IN THE CONVENTION OF 1849.**  
*Respecting Contingent Expenses.*

It shall be the duty of every parish in this State, after the first day of January, 1829, to raise and send to the Treasurer of the Convention, to defray the contingent expenses of the Church in this Diocese, a sum of money annually, which shall be as much as *one per centum* on the salary of its minister; and those parishes which are destitute of a clergyman, and which are represented by lay delegates in the Convention, shall pay at least five dollars annually, or send a certified copy of a vote that they are unable to pay the same; and it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to certify in his annual report what parishes have neglected to comply with the requisitions of this Canon. The money thus raised and paid into the treasury of the Convention, shall be subject to appropriation by a majority of the votes of the Standing Committee, or of such committee as shall be appointed by the Convention; and the following appropriations shall always be deemed proper, namely: to pay the travelling expenses of the Bishop of this Convention; to pay the travelling expenses of such clerical members of the Convention as cannot afford to pay the same, not exceeding ten dollars to any clergyman in one year; to pay the travelling expenses of the clerical delegates to the General Triennial Convention, not exceeding twenty-five dollars to each clerical delegate; to pay to the delegates of the Church in this Diocese to the General Convention, such sums as shall enable them to pay the quota assessed on the several Churches in this Diocese by each General Convention, for the contingent expenses thereof; and to pay for publishing the Journals of this Convention, and such other publications as shall be published by order of this Convention; and every parish shall be entitled to five copies, at least, of every publication printed by order of the Convention.

But no clergyman shall be entitled to any appropriation from the Contingent Fund, unless the parish of which he is the minister shall have paid its annual quota of *one per centum*, or send a certified copy of a vote that it is unable to pay the same. Neither shall any parish, thus neglecting to comply with the requisitions of the Canon, receive more than five copies of the Journal.

**Canon of 1844.***Respecting the increase of the Episcopal Fund.*

In every parish in this Diocese, a collection shall be annually made on Trinity Sunday, and paid over to the Treasurer of the Trustees of Donations of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese, to be added to the permanent fund for the support of the Bishop of this Diocese; and the said Treasurer shall report annually to this Convention, the amount by him received from each parish.

**Canons of 1846,****AMENDED IN THE CONVENTION OF 1852.****I.**

*Of proceedings in the case of a Minister, not being a Bishop, accused by public rumor or otherwise of offences for which he may be tried.*

**SECT. 1.** The mode of presentment and trial of a Minister, for any offence for which, by the laws of the General Convention or of this Diocese, he is or may be liable to be tried, shall be as follows :

Information of his offence shall first be given in writing to the Standing Committee, which information, any member of this Church is hereby declared competent to give. The Standing Committee shall thereupon proceed to a preliminary consideration of the case; and in their discretion, if they see fit, may make a formal presentment of the offence to the Bishop.

Such presentment shall be made in writing, addressed to the Bishop, stating the charges made against the accused, with specifications as to time, place, and circumstances; and any of the specifications in said presentment may be amended from time to time by the Judge Advocate, as the Court may order; and in case there shall be no Bishop, or in case the Bishop shall be implicated in the offence, or shall be related to the accused by consanguinity or affinity, the Standing Committee shall then request the Bishop of some other Diocese to receive the presentment, who, upon the application of the Standing Committee, may proceed in the case, and exercise the same powers as belong, or are granted, to the Bishop of the Diocese.

SECT. 2. Any Minister of this Diocese, not being a Bishop, accused by public rumor or otherwise, of any offence or offences for which he may be tried as aforesaid, may, for himself, request the Standing Committee to institute such examination and inquiry respecting the truth of the charges against him ; and, in such case, it shall be the duty of the Standing Committee to institute such examination and inquiry, and to proceed in like manner, as is provided in section first of the Canon.

## II.

### *Of the trial of a Clergyman, not being a Bishop.*

SECT. 1. Upon such presentment being made by the Standing Committee, as is provided in the foregoing Canon, the Bishop shall, as soon as may be, cause a copy of such presentment to be served on the accused, and shall also nominate nine Presbyters of the Diocese, entitled to seats in the Convention, and not being parties to the presentment, nor witnesses in the case, and shall cause a list of their names to be served on the accused, who shall, within thirty days after such service, select five of them, and notify their names in writing to the Bishop ; and if he shall not give such notification to the Bishop within said thirty days, the Bishop shall then select five, and the Presbyters so selected shall form an Ecclesiastical Court for the trial of the accused.

SECT. 2. The Court, thus constituted, shall meet at such time and place within the Diocese, as the Bishop shall direct, and shall have power to adjourn from time to time, and from place to place, within the Diocese, as they shall deem necessary ; and the Bishop shall cause a written notice of the time and place of the first meeting of the said Court to be served at least thirty days before the time of meeting, on the accused, and also on the Secretary of the Standing Committee.

SECT. 3. If, at the time appointed for the first meeting of the said Court, the whole number of five shall not attend, those who do attend, may adjourn from time to time ; or being not less than three in number, they shall have the right to proceed, in case they shall see fit, to a hearing and trial of the case ; and their decision, if unanimous, shall be as binding as if the whole Court had been present ; but in case their decision shall not be unanimous,

the Bishop shall, at the request of the accused, or of the Standing Committee, order a new trial.

SECT. 4. If a clergyman presented shall confess the truth of the facts alleged in the presentment, the Court shall, in writing, certify the same to the Bishop, and state their opinion as to the sentence that ought to be pronounced; and it shall be the duty of the Bishop to proceed to pass sentence, in the manner hereinafter provided. And if a clergyman presented as aforesaid, after having had due notice, shall fail or neglect to appear before the Court of Presbyters appointed for his trial, unless prevented by sickness or other sufficient cause, he shall be suspended from the exercise of his clerical functions for the term of six months; and if during that period, he shall not apply for a trial, he shall then be degraded from the ministry.

SECT. 5. When the Court proceed to the trial, they shall hear such competent evidence as shall be produced, which evidence shall be reduced to writing, and signed by the witnesses respectively; and some officer authorized by law to administer oaths, may, at the desire of either party, be requested to administer an oath or affirmation to the witnesses. If, on or during the trial, the accused shall confess the truth of the charges as stated in the presentment, the Court may dispense with hearing further evidence, and may proceed at once to state their opinion to the Bishop as to the sentence that ought to be pronounced.

SECT. 6. Upon the application of either party to the Bishop, and it being made satisfactorily to appear to him, that any material witnesses cannot be procured upon the trial, the Bishop may appoint a Commissary to take the testimony of such witnesses. Such Commissary may be either a clergyman or a layman, and the party so applying, shall give to the other at least *six* days' notice of the time and place of taking the testimony. And if the person on whom the notice shall be served, shall reside more than forty miles from the place of examination, an additional day's notice shall be given for every additional twenty miles of the said distance. And both parties may attend and examine the witness, and the questions and answers shall be reduced to writing and signed by the witness, and shall be certified by the Commissary, and enclosed under his seal, and transmitted to the Court, and

shall be received by them as evidence. A witness examined before such Commissary may be sworn or affirmed in manner aforesaid.

SECT. 7. The Court, having deliberately considered the evidence, shall declare in a writing signed by them, or a majority of them, their decision on the charges contained in the presentment, distinctly stating whether the accused is guilty or not guilty of such charges respectively, and also stating the sentence which, in their opinion, should be pronounced; and a copy of such decision shall be, without delay, communicated to the accused; and the original decision, together with the evidence, shall be delivered to the Bishop, who shall pronounce such canonical sentence as shall appear to him to be proper, provided the same shall not exceed in severity the sentence recommended by the Court; and such sentence shall be final. Before pronouncing any sentence, the Bishop shall summon the accused, and any three or more Presbyters of the Diocese, to meet him at such time as may in his opinion be most convenient, in some church to be designated by him, which shall for that purpose be open at the time to all persons who may choose to attend; and the sentence shall then and there be publicly pronounced by the Bishop. But the Bishop, if he shall be satisfied that justice requires it, may grant a new trial to the accused, in which case a new Court of Presbyters shall be appointed, the proceedings before whom shall be conducted as before mentioned.

SECT. 8. All citations and notices contemplated in this Canon shall be signed by the Bishop, and may be served by a summoner or summoners, to be appointed for the purpose by the Bishop, and whose certificate of such service shall be evidence thereof. In case of service by any other person, the fact shall be proved by the affidavit of such person. A written citation or notice delivered to a party, or left at his last place of residence, shall be deemed a sufficient service of such citation or notice.

SECT. 9. Advocates or Proctors shall be allowed on both sides, at the pleasure of the parties, provided they are clergymen canonically resident in the Diocese, or laymen who have been communicants of some parish of the same, at least two years before the time of trial.

**Canon of 1846.**

*Of Communicants.*

Whenever the Bishop shall institute an inquiry on the subject of repelling a person from the Holy Communion, according to the rubrics and the canons of the General Convention, he shall summon a council of two presbyters and two laymen, of which he shall be president, to decide upon the case.

**Canon of 1847,**

AS AMENDED IN THE CONVENTION OF 1848 AND 1860.

*Of Elections.*

The deputies to the General Convention from this Diocese shall be chosen at the meeting of this Convention holden in each year of the stated meeting of the General Convention; who shall continue in office until the meeting of this Convention, next preceding the stated meeting of the General Convention, on the third year next after their election, and until others shall be chosen in their place.

Substitutes for deputies shall be chosen at the same time, and in the same manner as the deputies are. And in the event of the resignation or inability of any deputy, clerical or lay, such vacancy shall be filled from the substitutes respectively, in the order in which they were chosen.

**Canon of 1858.**

*Of the Appointment of a Diocesan Registrar.*

SECT. 1. A Registrar shall be elected by this Convention, whose duty it shall be to procure such papers, files, reports, journals, records and other documents, relative to the history of the Church in this Diocese, as are now, or may hereafter become, the property of this Convention, and preserve the same in some safe and accessible place of deposit; and to hold the same under such regulations and restrictions, as this Convention may from time to time provide.

SECT. 2. Said Registrar shall hold his office for one year, or until another be appointed in his place.

**Canon of 1859,**

AMENDED IN THE CONVENTION OF 1860.

*Of the Missionary Organization of the Diocese,*

SECTION 1. Each of the four District Associations of this Diocese shall, at its first meeting after Easter, elect three clerical delegates who shall represent it in the Board of Missions.

SECT. 2. Every Parish in this Diocese, having within the year preceding, contributed at least fifty dollars to the funds of the Board, shall be entitled to one lay representative in the same.

SECT. 3. The term of service of the Delegates shall commence at the close of the Annual Convention.

SECT. 4. Parochial and lay delegates shall be chosen annually at parish meetings, or by the Wardens and Vestry, and shall continue in office until others are chosen in their places, or until the parish has forfeited the right of representation in the Board, by a non-compliance with the conditions of this Canon.

SECT. 5. The persons so chosen, with the Bishop of the Diocese, who shall be *ex officio*, a member and, when present, the presiding officer, shall constitute the Board of Missions, which shall have full charge and control of all monies contributed to its funds, except in so far as they may be limited by donors of funds for special purposes. The members present at any stated or duly notified meeting shall be a quorum.

SECT. 6. Stated meetings of the Board shall be held at least once in two months.

SECT. 7. One or more missionaries at large shall be appointed by the Board, whose duty it shall be to visit, explore and officiate under its direction.

## EXTRACT FROM THE

**Canon of the General Convention of 1853.**

*Of the mode of securing an accurate view of the state of the Church, from time to time.*

SECTION 1. As a full and accurate view of the state of the Church, from time to time, is highly useful and necessary, it is hereby ordered that every Minister of this Church, or, if the Parish be vacant, the Wardens, shall present, or cause to be delivered, on or before the first day of every annual Convention, to the Bishop of the Diocese, or, where there is no Bishop, to the President of the Convention, a statement of the number of baptisms, confirmations, marriages, and funerals, and of the number of communicants in his parish or Church, also, the state and condition of the Sunday Schools in his Parish, also of the amount of the communion alms, the contributions for Missions, diocesan, domestic, and foreign, for parochial schools, for Church purposes in general, and of all other matters that may throw light on the state of the same. And every other Clergyman not regularly settled in any Parish or Church, shall also report the occasional services he may have performed; and, if he have performed no such services, the causes or reasons which have prevented the same. And these reports, or such parts of them as the Bishop shall think fit, may be read in the Convention, and shall be entered on the journals thereof.



**Rules of Order.**

**RULE I.** When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, except to address the Chair.

No member shall absent himself from the house, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

When any member is about to speak, or deliver any matter to the house, he shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the house; nor more than once, until others desiring to speak shall have spoken.

While the President is putting any question, the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private discourse.

Every member who shall be in the house, when any question is put, shall vote, unless he be personally interested in the question, or shall be excused by the Convention for reasons assigned.

**RULE II.** No motion shall be considered as before the Convention, unless seconded by a member not belonging to the same parish with the mover; and every motion shall be reduced to writing, and the name of the mover appended.

**RULE III.** When the report of a committee is presented, it shall be read and entered on the minutes, unless otherwise determined by the house; and, if accompanied by resolutions, the question shall be on adopting them.

**RULE IV.** When a question is before the Convention, it shall be in order—

1. To lay on the table;
2. To postpone to a day certain;
3. To commit;
4. To amend;
5. To postpone indefinitely;

and a motion for any one of these proceedings may be considered as having precedence in the order in which they are here named; and a question on any of these proceedings shall be decided before the original motion.

**RULE V.** An address or communication from the Bishop shall be in order at any time.

**RULE VI.** Any member may call for the division of a question, when the sense will admit of it.

**RULE VII.** The question of adjournment shall always be in order; and that, together with a motion to lay on the table, shall be decided without debate.

**RULE VIII.** When votes by orders are taken, they shall be entered on the minutes.

**RULE IX.** On all questions of order, the President shall decide, subject to an appeal to the house.

**RULE X.** A question, being decided, shall not be reconsidered during the same session, without the consent of two-thirds of the members present, nor unless the motion to reconsider be made and seconded by members who voted in the majority on the original decision.




**LIST OF THE CLERGY**  
**OF THE**  
**Diocese of Massachusetts.**


**MAY, A. D. 1861.**

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- The Right Rev. MANTON EASTBURN, D.D.,** Bishop  
of the Diocese, and Rector of Trinity Church, Boston.
- The Rev. HENRY W. ADAMS,** residing in New York.
- The Rev. NATHANIEL G. ALLEN.**
- The Rev. BENJAMIN B. BABBITT,** Rector of Christ  
Church, Andover.
- The Rev. SAMUEL B. BABCOCK,** Rector of St. Paul's  
Church, Dedham, and Treasurer of the Convention.
- The Rev. WILLIAM R. BABCOCK,** Rector of St. John's  
Church, Jamaica Plain.
- The Rev. WILLIAM S. BARTLET,** residing at Chelsea.
- The Rev. ALFRED L. BAURY,** Rector of St. Paul's Church,  
Hopkinton, residing in Boston.
- The Rev. HENRY H. BEAN,** Rector of St. John's Church,  
Northampton.
- The Rev. JAMES A. BOLLES, D.D.,** Rector of the Church  
of the Advent, Boston.
- The Rev. JAMES J. BOWDEN,** Rector of St. Stephen's  
Church, Pittsfield.
- The Rev. WILLIAM H. BROOKS.**
- The Rev. JOHN T. BURRILL,** Rector of Christ Church,  
Boston, and Chaplain of Diocesan Board of Missions  
for Seamen.

- The Rev. HENRY BURROUGHS, Rector of Christ Church,  
Quincy.
- The Rev. GEORGE T. CHAPMAN, D.D., residing in New-  
buryport.
- The Rev. EDWIN B. CHASE, Rector of St. Michael's  
Church, Marblehead.
- The Rev. MOSES B. CHASE, Chaplain in the United  
States' Navy, Navy Yard, Charlestown.
- The Rev. ROBERT F. CHASE, Rector of Calvary Church,  
Danvers.
- The Rev. WILLIAM S. CHILD.
- The Rev. JOSEPH H. CLINCH, Chaplain of the City In-  
stitutions, South Boston, and Secretary of the Con-  
vention.
- The Rev. WILLIAM B. COLBURN.
- The Rev. G. S. CONVERSE, Rector of St. James's Church,  
Roxbury.
- The Rev. EDWARD COWLEY.
- The Rev. ANDREW CROSWELL.
- The Rev. SAMUEL CUTLER, Rector of St. Andrew's Church,  
Hanover.
- The Rev. BENJAMIN F. DECOSTA, Chaplain of the Mas-  
sachusetts Fifth Regiment.
- The Rev. EDWARD DEZENG, Rector of Trinity Church,  
Pawtucket.
- The Rev. SAMUEL J. EVANS.
- The Rev. THEODORE EDSON, D. D., Rector of St. Anne's  
Church, Lowell.
- The Rev. D. G. ESTES, Rector of St. James's Church,  
Amesbury.
- The Rev. THOMAS F. FALES, Rector of Christ Church,  
Waltham.
- The Rev. JUSTIN FIELD, residing in Boston.
- The Rev. THOMAS B. FLOWER, Rector of the Church of  
the Messiah, Wood's Hole.
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- The Rev. FRANCIS A. FOXCROFT**, residing in Boston.
- The Rev. CHARLES H. GARDINER**, Rector of St. John's Church, Ashfield.
- The Rev. LEWIS GREEN**, Rector of Trinity Church, Van Deusenville.
- The Rev. J. S. COPLEY GREENE**, Rector of Grace Church, Newton Corner.
- The Rev. E. W. HAGER**, Rector of All Saints' Church, Worcester.
- The Rev. BENJAMIN HALE, D.D.**, residing at Newburyport.
- The Rev. DAVID G. HASKINS**, Principal of a School for Young Ladies, Boston.
- The Rev. WILLIAM G. HAWKINS**, Rector of St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville.
- The Rev. CHARLES W. HOMER**, Rector of St. John's Church, Lowell.
- The Rev. NICHOLAS HOPPIN, D.D.**, Rector of Christ Church, Cambridge.
- The Rev. WILLIAM HORTON, D. D.**, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.
- The Rev. FREDERICK D. HUNTINGTON, D. D.**, Rector of Emmanuel Church, Boston.
- The Rev. WILLIAM A. JENKS.**
- The Rev. S. RUSSELL JONES**, Rector of St. James's Church, Greenfield.
- The Rev. CYRUS F. KNIGHT**, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Boston.
- The Rev. THOMAS R. LAMBERT**, Rector of St. John's Church, Charlestown.
- The Rev. WILLIAM H. LEACH**, Rector of St. George's Church, Lee.
- The Rev. JOHN V. LEWIS**, Rector of St. John's Church, Millville.
- The Rev. ARTHUR MASON**, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Chelsea.

- The Rev. CHARLES MASON, D. D., Rector of Grace Church, Boston.
- The Rev. HENRY McCLODY, Rector of St. John's Church, East Boston.
- The Rev. GEORGE H. McKNIGHT, Rector of Christ Church, Springfield.
- The Rev. ALEXANDER G. MERCER, D. D., Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, Boston.
- The Rev. W. H. MILLS, Rector of St. Mary's Church, Dorchester.
- The Rev. WILLIAM H. MUNROE, Rector of Trinity Church, Melrose.
- The Rev. WILLIAM R. NICHOLSON, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Boston.
- The Rev. GEORGE PACKARD, Rector of Grace Church, Lawrence.
- The Rev. WILLIAM P. PAGE, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Cambridgeport.
- The Rev. EDMUND B. PALMER, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Chelsea.
- The Rev. SAMUEL P. PARKER, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Stockbridge.
- The Rev. JOSHUA R. PEIRCE, officiating at Southborough.
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N. B. It is expected that the clergyman will make such observations as to give a comprehensive view of the state of his parish and of his ministerial services during the past year.



## Notice.

The Seventy-second Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Massachusetts, will be holden in Trinity Church, Boston, on the third Wednesday (the 21st day) of May, 1862, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

JOSEPH H. CLINCH,

*Secretary of the Convention,*

*South Boston, May, 1861.*

### Form of Certificate for Lay Delegates.

(Authorized by vote of Convention of 1849.)

[Name of Town] ——— A. D. 18—.

This is to certify, that at a regular meeting of the Parish of ——— Church, ———, held on the ——— day of ——— 18—, the following persons, viz :

Messrs. ——— ———,  
——— ———,  
——— ———,

were duly elected lay delegates to represent this Parish in the next Diocesan Convention, to be held in ——— Church, in ———, on the ——— day of ———, A. D. 18—, and that they are stated worshippers in this Parish.



——— ———,  
*Parish Clerk.*



**Diocese of Massachusetts.**

**SEVENTY-SECOND  
ANNUAL CONVENTION.**

**M DCCC LXII.**




*By vote of the Convention of 1860 the following resolutions, passed in the Convention of 1858, were ordered to be printed on the cover of the Journal: —*

The following resolutions were offered by Mr. Hilliard :

Whereas the Journals of this Convention, for many years past, show that a large number of the Lay Delegates elected have not attended the sittings of the Convention :

*Voted*, That the Convention earnestly recommend to the several Parishes to have regard in the election of Delegates to the probability of their being able and willing actually to serve in that capacity, and so far as practicable, in connection with such election, to require their assurance that they will attend the Convention, unless prevented by some unforeseen and insuperable obstacle.

*Voted*, That this Convention urge upon all persons, who may be elected Delegates as aforesaid, the great importance and the serious obligation of discharging the duty which is thus imposed upon them.

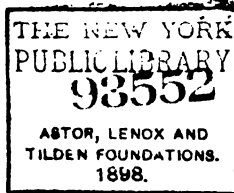


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*Boston, Wednesday, May 21, 1862, }*  
*Trinity Church. }*

THIS being the time and place appointed for the meeting of the seventy-second annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Massachusetts, the Rt. Rev. the Bishop, with several of the Clergy and Lay Delegates, assembled in Trinity Church, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Morning prayer was read by the Rev. Samuel Cutler, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Hanover.

The Ante-Communion Service was read by the Bishop, assisted in the Epistle by the Rev. Nathan W. Munroe, minister of Christ Church, Swansea.

The annual Sermon was then delivered by the Rev. Thomas F. Fales, Rector of Christ Church, Waltham, from the text, Acts v. 42: "*They ceased not to teach and to preach Jesus Christ.*"

After which, at the Offertory, which was read by the Rev. Nathan W. Munroe, a collection was made for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen of the Diocese. The Holy Communion was then administered to the Clergy, and to the Laity, by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Nathan W. Munroe.

The Congregation having retired, the Chair was taken by

the Bishop, and the following list of Clergymen entitled to seats in the Convention was called over by the Secretary : —

|                                                       |                        |
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| Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D.D.                        |                        |
| The Rev. Nathan'l G. Allen, The Rev. N. Hoppin, D.D., |                        |
| " Benj. B. Babbitt,                                   | " Wm. Horton, D.D.,    |
| " Sam'l B. Babcock,                                   | " F.D.Huntington, D.D. |
| " Wm. R. Babcock,                                     | " W. R. Huntington,    |
| " Alfred L. Baury,                                    | " S. R. Jones,         |
| " Henry H. Bean,                                      | " Cyrus F. Knight,     |
| " Jas. A. Bolles, D.D.,                               | " T. R. Lambert,       |
| " John T. Burrill,                                    | " John V. Lewis,       |
| " H. Burroughs, Jr.,                                  | " Henry McClory,       |
| " G. T. Chapman, D.D.                                 | " G. H. McKnight,      |
| " Edwin B. Chase,                                     | " A. G. Mercer, D.D.,  |
| " Moses B. Chase,                                     | " Wm. H. Mills,        |
| " Joseph H. Clinch,                                   | " N. W. Munroe,        |
| " Wm. B. Colburn,                                     | " William H. Munroe,   |
| " J. I. T. Coolidge,                                  | " Robert Murray, Jr.,  |
| " Geo. S. Converse,                                   | " W.R.Nicholson, D.D., |
| " Andrew Croswell,                                    | " Geo. Packard,        |
| " Samuel Cutler,                                      | " Wm. P. Page,         |
| " B. F. De Costa,                                     | " E. B. Palmer,        |
| " Theo. Edson, D.D.,                                  | " S. P. Parker, D.D.,  |
| " D. G. Estes, D.D.,                                  | " Jesse A. Penniman,   |
| " Thos. F. Fales,                                     | " Wm. R. Pickman,      |
| " Justin Field,                                       | " E. M. Porter,        |
| " Thos. B. Flower,                                    | " R. F. Putnam,        |
| " J. S. C. Greene,                                    | " G. M. Randall, D.D., |
| " E. W. Hager,                                        | " J. P. Robinson,      |
| " Benj. Hale, D.D.,                                   | " J. H. Rouse,         |
| " D. G. Haskins,                                      | " W. W. Sever,         |
| " Wm. G. Hawkins,                                     | " C. H. Seymour,       |
| " C. W. Homer,                                        | " S. Brenton Shaw,     |

The Rev. *G. C. Shepard, D.D.*, The Rev. E. H. True,  
 " E. F. Slafter, " T. H. Vail, D.D.,  
 " *M. P. Stickney*, " A. H. Washburn,  
 " Theo. W. Snow, " *Elisha F. Watson*,  
 " Samuel S. Spear, " J. L. Watson, D.D.,  
 " J. S. Stone, D.D., " *E. M. P. Wells, D.D.*,  
 " Geo. A. Strong, " Geo. D. Wildes,  
 " *Wm. Tatlock*, " *H. A. Yardley*.

Who, with the exception of those whose names are printed in *italics*, appeared and took their seats.

The Secretary then called over the names of the Parishes in union with the Convention, when the Lay Delegates handed in the Certificates of their election. The names of the Lay Delegates were then called, the members present answering to their names. Those who were not present during some portion of the Session, are *italicized*.

*Amesbury, St. James's. William C. Binney, James Standing, Christopher Barrett.*

*Andover, Christ. Nathan Frye, Francis Cogswell, Henry G. Tyer.*

*Ashfield, St. John's.*

*Attleborough, Grace.*

*Auburndale, St. Paul's.*

*Boston, Trinity. George M. Dexter, Edward Blake, Benj. C. Clark.*

*Boston, Christ. J. F. Sampson, W. Wilkinson, O. L. Briggs.*

*Boston, St. Paul's. James B. Dow, George M. Browne, James C. Dunn.*

*Boston, Grace. Robert M. Mason, Joseph S. Fay, Wm. W. Morland.*

*Boston, Church of the Messiah. John L. Whipple, Joseph Lovejoy, William Babson.*



- Boston, Advent.* Richard H. Dana, Jr., Isaac F. Redfield,  
George C. Shattuck, M. D.
- Boston, St. Mark's.* Horace Barnes, Francis J. Parker,  
George H. Wilder.
- South Boston, St. Matthew's.* David Clapp, Henry W.  
Nelson, Lewis Tucker.
- East Boston, St. John's.* Daniel Byron, John Watson,  
Edward Cullen.
- Bridgewater, Trinity.* John Edson, Franklin Leach, Ed-  
ward H. Cutler.
- Brookline, St. Paul's.* James S. Amory, John A. Burnham,  
Harrison Fay.
- Cambridge, Christ.* Luther Crane, Samuel Batchelder, Jr.,  
Joseph G. Moody.
- Cambridge, St. Peter's.* Asa P. Morse, John K. Palmer.
- Charlestown, St. John's.* George N. Fisher, John E. Tyler,  
George B. Neal.
- Chelsea, St. Luke's.* George Crooks, Silas Bertenshaw, J.  
C. Jourdain.
- Chelsea, St. Andrew's.* Erastus F. Dana, James W. Earl,  
Edwin C. Barnes.
- Chicopee, Grace.* James C. Bullens, Frederick C. Swain,  
Josiah Whitney.
- Clappville, Christ.* E. G. Carlton, Talmon Trask.
- Danvers, Calvary.* Joseph Adams, Francis Peabody, Jr.,  
Charles Learoyd.
- Dedham, St. Paul's.* Thomas L. Wakefield, Erastus  
Worthington, John Lathrop.
- Dorchester, St. Mary's.* Shelton Barry, William W. Page,  
Moses Branch.
- Fall River, Ascension.* Walter C. Durfee, Richard M.  
Sherman, Richard W. Batt.
- Great Barrington, St. James's.*
- Greenfield, St. James's.* Charles R. Field, Thomas Ripley,  
Charles R. Grinnell.
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- Hanover, St. Andrew's.*  
*Haverhill, Trinity.* Edward F. Adams, J. H. Farnsworth.  
*Hopkinton, St. Paul's.*  
*Lanesborough, St. Luke's.* Edward A. Newton, Charles H. Read, W. F. Filley.  
*Laurence, Grace.* Henry Barton, A. D. Blanchard, John F. Coggs well.  
*Lee, St. George's.*  
*Lenox, Trinity.*  
*Lowell, St. Anne's.* William A. Burke, George Motley, James B. Francis.  
*Lynn, St. Stephen's.* James R. Newhall, John Williams, John Halliday.  
*Marblehead, St. Michael's.* John F. Clothey, Richmond Mardin.  
*Medford, Grace.* James Hedenburg, M. D., Gardiner P. Gates.  
*Melrose, Trinity.* Charles P. Gordon, D. W. Foster, Wm. H. Cutting.  
*Millville, St. John's.* George Wilson, William A. Cole, Nathan Exley.  
*Nantucket, St. Paul's.* Artemas Davis, Charles H. Starbuck.  
*New Bedford, Grace.* William G. Blackler, Joseph Til-  
 linghast, Edmund Rodman.  
*New Boston, St. Andrew's.*  
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*Plymouth, Christ.*

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*Roxbury, St. James's.* Sanford M. Hunt, John B. Kettell, John J. Soley.

*Roxbury, (Jamaica Plain,) St. John's.* Edward N. Perkins, Jonathan Amory, D. B. Hager.

*Salem, St. Peter's.* Francis W. Pickman, Jonathan F. Worcester, William H. Jelly.

*Salem, Grace.* John S. Jones, Benjamin Shreve, John H. Stone.

*Springfield, Christ.* John B. Stebbins, James H. Morton, Roger B. Hildreth.

*Stockbridge, St. Paul's.*

*Swansea, Christ.* William H. Pearse, Preserved S. Gardner, James L. Wellington.

*Taunton, St. Thomas's.* Charles R. Olney, Albert Pitts, Francis S. Munroe.

*Vandeusenville, Trinity.*

*Waltham, Christ.* Walcott Richards, M. D., Robert H. Slack, Andrew H. Ward, Jr.

*Wilkinsonville, St. John's.* Seth Hartwell, A. D. Chase, George Brown, Jr.

*Wood's Hole, Messiah.*

*Worcester, All Saints'.*

A quorum being present, the Convention proceeded to business.

On motion,

*Resolved,* That in the election of Secretary, balloting be dispensed with.

On motion,

*Resolved,* That the Rev. Joseph H. Clinch be re-elected.

The Secretary asked permission to appoint an assistant, which request being granted, he nominated the Rev. Thos. F. Fales assistant Secretary.

The Rev. Benj. B. Babbitt presented a petition from Trinity Church, Pawtucket, praying that said Parish may be disconnected from this Diocese, as, by the new boundary line established between the States of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, that Parish is now geographically incorporated into the latter State.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That this petition be referred to a Special Committee, consisting of three persons, to be nominated by the Chair.

The Chair appointed the Rev. Benjamin B. Babbitt, George M. Browne and John Edson, as that Committee.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That in the election of Treasurer, balloting be dispensed with.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Rev. S. B. Babcock, be re-elected Treasurer of the Diocese.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Rules of order adopted at the last Convention, be adopted for the government of this Body.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the usual Committees be appointed by the Chair.

The Chair accordingly announced the appointment of the following Committees : —

*On Qualifications.* The Rev. Samuel Cutler, Rev. Wm. R. Pickman, James S. Amory.

*On New Parishes.* The Rev. Thomas F. Fales, Rev. E. W. Hager, Francis W. Pickman.

*On Finance.* The Rev. S. Brenton Shaw, Walter C. Durfee.

*Executive Committee.* The Rev. J. S. Copley Greene, Rev. Wm. R. Nicholson, D.D., Rev. Winslow W. Sever.

*On Unfinished Business.* The Rev. Alvan H. Washburn, Joseph Adams.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That Clergymen of this Church, not entitled to seats in the Convention, and candidates for Holy Orders, be invited to be present at the sittings of this Body.

*Whereupon*, The following appeared and took seats in the Convention.

The Rev. William H. Brooks, D.D., - Maine.

“ Charles Wingate, - - Rhode Island.

“ Francis A. Foxcroft, - - Massachusetts.

“ Joshua R. Peirce, - - Massachusetts.

“ William S. Bartlet, - - Massachusetts.

“ John F. Huntington, - Massachusetts.

“ Josiah P. Tustin, - - Massachusetts.

“ William Withington, - Michigan.

George G. Jones, candidate for Holy Orders, Mass.

The Rev. Dr. Edson offered the following report and resolutions :—

At the Union Meeting of the several District Missionary Associations of the Diocese held in Boston, January 29, 1862; a Committee was chosen to consider the subject of the general Missionary work of the Diocese, and to bring the same before the next Convention.

That Committee have considered the subject and beg leave to offer to this Convention these Resolutions, viz. :—

*Resolved*, That application of Parishes requiring aid be received on the first day of the session.

*Resolved*, That a special Committee representing all parts of the Diocese be chosen, to which all applications for aid be referred for consideration and recommendation of such appropriations as the Committee may deem proper.

*Resolved*, That the said Committee make their report to Convention on the Thursday night of the session.

**Resolved**, That action upon the Report be the order of business for that evening.

**Resolved**, That the Missionary work of the Diocese — that of introducing and sustaining Church ministrations, the organization and fostering care of new parishes until they be connected with the Convention, be referred to the District Missionary Associations within their respective limits.

THEODORE EDSON,

S. B. BABCOCK.

SAMUEL BATCHELDER, JR.

E. W. HAGER

The Rev. Benjamin B. Babbitt offered the following resolution : —

That the whole subject of the Resolutions offered by the Committee of the Union meeting be referred to a special Committee consisting of one Clergyman from each county, having a clerical member of this Convention present ; and of one layman from each county having a Lay Delegate present ; the nomination to be made from the floor for the several counties in the order in which they stand on the Journal ; and that the Secretaries of the four Associations and of the Central Board as now organized, be appointed members of this Committee ; the Committee to elect their Chairman and report to this Convention on Thursday night.

On motion,

**Resolved**, That the above Resolutions be laid upon the table.

Applications from Emmanuel Church, Boston, St. John's Church, Lowell, St. John's Church, Framingham, and Christ Church, Hyde Park, were presented for admission into union with this Convention.

Which applications were

On motion, referred to the Committee on new Parishes.

The Committee on Qualifications asked leave to retire.

The Rev. Thomas F. Fales, from the Committee on new Parishes, reported that Emmanuel Church, Boston, St. John's Church, Lowell, St. John's Church, Framingham and Christ Church, Hyde Park, had been regularly organized and had complied with all the requirements of the Canon, and therefore recommended that said Parishes be admitted into union with this Convention.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That Emmanuel Church, Boston, St. John's Church, Lowell, St. John's Church, Framingham and Christ Church, Hyde Park, be admitted into union with this Convention.

The Secretary then called over the names of the Delegates from the above Parishes, as follows:—

*Emmanuel Church, Boston.* Edward S. Rand, Benjamin S. Rotch, Horace Gray, Jr.

*St. John's Church, Lowell.* Elisha Huntington, M. D., Henry P. Webber.

*St. John's Church, Framingham.* James W. Brown, Alexander R. Esty.

*Christ Church, Hyde Park.* Gordon H. Nott, Samuel A. Bradbury, Samuel Fennell.

Who appeared and took seats in the Convention.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That this Convention now adjourn to meet in this place at 4 o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met, pursuant to adjournment.

The minutes of the morning session were read, amended and approved.

Some additional certificates of Lay Delegates were handed in and read, and the members took their seats.

The Rev. Samuel Cutler from the Committee on Qualifications presented the following Report:

The Committee on Qualifications report, That all the

Clergy whose names were read by the Secretary, are entitled to seats in this Convention, with the exception of the Rev. Justin Field, who has not, as the Committee are informed, been employed in the duties of his station for the term of six months.

The Committee also report, That the certificates of the Lay Delegates of the several parishes conform to the requirements of the Constitution, except that from St. Stephen's Parish, Pittsfield, which fails to state that the delegate is a stated worshipper in the Parish.

All which is respectfully submitted.

For the Committee,

S. CUTLER.

Which Report, after some amendment, was

On motion, accepted.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That Professor B. C. Styles, delegate from St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield, be admitted to his seat in this Convention.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed by the Chair to audit the Treasurer's account.

The Chair appointed Mr. Francis Cogswell and Mr. James B. Dow, as the Committee.

The Bishop then delivered his Annual Address.



## Annual Address :

MY BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY : —

Again permitted, through the goodness of God, to meet you at the annual Convention of the Diocese, I have to present to you the accustomed record of my official transactions during the last twelve months.

On the Sunday following the adjournment of the last Convention, being the Sunday after Ascension Day, May 12, I visited, for the first time, the parish of St. John's, Framingham ; preaching in the morning, and also catechizing the children; in the Town Hall, which is used by the congregation as a place of worship, and confirming 20 persons in the evening. This enterprising congregation, I am happy to say, have purchased a building very eligibly situated, and are preparing it for occupation as a parish church. It will probably be consecrated at no distant day. The Rev. R. F. Putnam has resigned the Rectorship, and accepted an appointment as a missionary in Oregon.

On Friday, May 17, I confirmed 2 in the evening in St. Stephen's, Lynn.

On Whit-Sunday, May 19, I confirmed 3 in the morning in St. Michael's, Marblehead.

In the afternoon of the same day, I confirmed 8 in St. Peter's, Salem ; making, with 1 hereafter to be mentioned as confirmed elsewhere, 9 as the number for the year.

In the evening, I confirmed 7 in Grace Church, Salem.

On Tuesday in Whitsun-Week, May 21, I preached in the evening in St. Paul's, Newburyport.

On Wednesday, May 22, I confirmed 4 in the afternoon in St. James's, Amesbury.

On Thursday, May 23, I confirmed 9 in the evening in Calvary Church, Danvers. The Rev. Robert F. Chase has resigned the charge of this parish, and has removed to the city of Philadelphia.

On Trinity Sunday, May 26, I preached in the morning, and catechized the children, in Grace Church, New Bedford; and confirmed 8 persons in the afternoon. A vacancy has taken place in the Rectorship of this parish, by the recent resignation of the Rev. J. P. Tustin.

On Monday, May 27, I confirmed 5 in the evening in the Church of the Ascension, Fall River.

On Tuesday, May 28, I preached in the afternoon, and also catechized the children, in Christ Church, Swansea; and confirmed 1 person in the evening. At the latter service the Rev. Dr. Vail, Rector of St. Thomas's, Taunton, delivered an address to the congregation just before the administration of the rite of Confirmation.

On Wednesday, May 29, I confirmed 4 in the evening in St. Thomas's, Taunton.

On Thursday, May 30, I confirmed 1 in the afternoon in Trinity Church, Bridgewater.

On the First Sunday after Trinity, June 2, I confirmed 8 in the morning in Christ Church, Andover. I was much gratified to perceive the marked improvement which has been made of the interior of this church; and trust that, ere long, the parishioners will carry into effect the intention which, as I learn, they entertain, of giving a more architectural appearance to the outside of the building.

In the afternoon of the same day, I preached in Grace Church, Lawrence; and confirmed 15 in the evening. Here, too, I was

greatly pleased to observe the taste and judgment, with which the interior of the parish church had been improved since the time of my last visit.

On Tuesday, June 4, I confirmed 19 in the evening in Christ Church, Quincy.

On Wednesday, June 5, I confirmed 3 in the evening in St. Mary's, Dorchester.

On Thursday, June 6, I confirmed 5 in the evening in Trinity Church, Haverhill.

In the afternoon of the Second Sunday after Trinity, June 9, I confirmed 8 in Trinity Church, Melrose.

St. Barnabas the Apostle, Tuesday, June 11, in St. John's, Millville, I catechized the children in the afternoon, and confirmed 17 persons in the evening.

On Thursday, June 13, I confirmed 7 in the evening in Grace Church, Medford.

On the Third Sunday after Trinity, June 16, I confirmed 5 in the afternoon in St. Paul's, Brookline ; and

In the evening of the same day, confirmed 2 in Christ Church, Waltham, including 1 from St. Mary's, Newton, Lower Falls. On this occasion I had the opportunity of being present in Christ Church for the first time since its enlargement. This good work has added greatly to its appearance both externally and within, as well as to its means of accommodation.

On Monday, June 17, I had the pleasure of laying the cornerstone of Emmanuel Church, in this city ; and on this occasion, after a few remarks by the Rev. Dr. Huntington, Rector of the parish, delivered an address to the large assemblage of clergy and others, not only of Boston, but from the neighboring towns.

On Tuesday, June 18, I confirmed 20 in the evening in St. James's Greenfield.

On Wednesday, June 19, I catechized the children in the

afternoon in St. John's, Northampton ; and confirmed 1 person in the evening.

On the Fourth Sunday after Trinity, June 23, in the temporary place of worship of Grace Church, Newton Corner, I confirmed 6 in the afternoon, including 1 from Emmanuel Church, Boston.

On Tuesday, June 25, I confirmed 2 in the afternoon in St. Andrew's, Hanover.

On the Seventh Sunday after Trinity, July 14, I preached in the morning and afternoon in St. Andrew's, Lynn.

Tuesday, July 16, I preached in the afternoon in the Church of the Messiah, Wood's Hole.

On the Ninth Sunday after Trinity, July 28, at an Ordination held in Christ Church, Waltham, I admitted to Deacon's Orders Mr. Myron Alfred Johnson, and Mr. Robert Murray, Jr., Candidates for Orders of this Diocese. Mr. Johnson was transferred in October last to the Diocese of Connecticut ; and Mr. Murray has been officiating for some time in St. Paul's, Newburyport, as Assistant to the Rector of that parish.

On Wednesday evening, September 25, I visited for the first time Christ Church, Hyde Park. The service was held in the parish church, which had been recently completed, and opened for public worship ; and I administered Confirmation to 10 persons. The parishioners are making strenuous efforts to liquidate the debt incurred by the building of their church ; and there is a prospect of its being soon presented for consecration.

On the Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity, September 29, I confirmed 5 in the afternoon in St. Paul's, Dedham.

On Tuesday, October 1, at an Ordination held in Grace Church, Boston, I admitted to Deacon's Orders Messrs. Samuel S. Spear, and William R. Huntington, Candidates for Orders of this Diocese. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Huntington, Rector of Emmanuel Church, Boston. Mr. Spear has been offi-

ciating as an Assistant in Grace Church, Boston, since his ordination ; and Mr. Huntington has been acting in the same capacity in Emmanuel Church.

On Wednesday, October 2, I confirmed 7 in the afternoon in St. Mary's, Newton, Lower Falls, including 1 from St. Peter's, Salem. To these is to be added 1 confirmed, as before mentioned, at Waltham ; making 7 as the whole number for the year.

On Tuesday, October 8, I preached in the morning and afternoon in St. John's, Ashfield. The Rev. Charles H. Gardiner has resigned the charge of this parish, and is now officiating in the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

On Wednesday, October 9, I preached in the evening at South Adams ; and

On the morning of the following day, Thursday, October 10, I had the pleasure of consecrating to the service of Almighty God the parish church built by the congregation of St. John's, North Adams ; the incumbrance upon the property having, some months before, been happily removed. I confirmed at the same time 11 persons. There were present on this occasion, in addition to the Rector, two of the clergy of the Diocese of New York, and one from the Diocese of Vermont, besides the Rev. Dr. Parker, of Stockbridge in this Diocese. May the interesting event thus recorded be the harbinger, through God's mercy, of many spiritual blessings to the flourishing town in which the church stands !

In the evening of the same day, after a sermon in St. John's by the Rev. Dr. Manser, of Vermont, on the subject of Missions, I delivered an address to the congregation.

On Friday, October 11, I preached in the morning in St. Luke's, Lanesborough ; and confirmed 2 in the afternoon.

On the Twentieth Sunday after Trinity, October 13, I confirmed 3 in the morning in St. Stephen's, Pittsfield. Of the

mournful event which, shortly before my visit, had befallen this parish in the death of their beloved and eloquent Rector, the Rev. James J. Bowden, you are all aware. His vigorous frame, and active habits, had given to all who knew him the promise of a life of long continuance; and, therefore, when he was cut down in the midst of his days, the announcement of his departure was as unexpected as it was distressing to his flock, to the community in which he lived, and to the Diocese at large. But "the Lord seeth not as man seeth." On the 2d of October last Mr. Bowden expired; exchanging, as we trust, the sorrows and trials of this world for a heavenly and eternal inheritance. Let us, his brethren in the ministry of our common Lord, profit by this admonition of Providence! And let it be our consolation to remember, that, during the brief period of our friend's service in Pittsfield, he preached not only with power, but with directness and simplicity, "the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world."

In the afternoon of the same day I confirmed 8 in Trinity Church, Lenox; and

On the morning of the following day, Monday, October 14, at an Ordination held in the same church, I admitted to Priest's Orders the Rev. Henry A. Yardley, Deacon, Rector of the parish. The Rev. Dr. Parker, and the Rev. Messrs. Penniman, Leach, and Tatlock, united with me in the imposition of hands. I am very sorry to say that Mr. Yardley has been unable for some time, from ill health, to discharge his duties; and that he has recently, for the same cause, resigned the charge of the parish. The Rev. Justin Field has officiated in his stead, and has just been elected his successor.

In the evening of the same day I confirmed 15, and catechized the children, in St. George's, Lee. Within a space of little more than two months from the time of my visit, a heavy calamity over-

took this parish in the destruction, by fire, of their beautiful church. This sad event took place on the night of December 24 ; and was a cause of great sorrow to me, as I am sure it must have been to a large number of the members of our Church in this Diocese. And in the month of February last it was my painful duty to displace from the ministry the Rev. W. A. Leach, the Rector of the parish.

On Tuesday, October 15, I confirmed 3 in the afternoon in St. Paul's, Stockbridge ; and in the evening preached at South Lee.

On Wednesday, October 16, I confirmed 4 in the morning in Trinity Church, Vandeusenville. To my great regret, the Rev. Lewis Green, for thirteen years the faithful Rector of this parish, has resigned the charge of it, and removed to the Diocese of Connecticut. He has been succeeded by the Rev. J. A. Penniman.

In the evening of the same day I preached in St. James's, Great Barrington. Not long before, the Rev. C. A. L. Richards had resigned the Rectorship of this parish, and removed to the Diocese of Pennsylvania. His place has been filled by the appointment of the Rev. John T. Huntington, who has been received by Letters Dimissory from the Diocese of Connecticut.

St. Luke the Evangelist, Friday, October 18, I preached in the morning in St. Paul's, Otis, and in the afternoon in St. Andrew's, New Boston.

On the Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity, October 20, I preached in the morning, and catechized the children, in St. John's, Wilkinsonville ; and confirmed 2 persons in the afternoon.

In the evening of Monday, October 21, I confirmed 13 in All Saints', Worcester.

On Tuesday, October 22, I confirmed 2 in the afternoon in Christ Church, Clappville.

On Wednesday, October 23, I catechized the children in the afternoon in Christ Church, Springfield; and confirmed 19 persons in the evening. The candidates were addressed, at my request, after they had received the laying on of hands, by my beloved brother the Bishop of Iowa; and I need not say how pleasant it was to me, as well as to multitudes of others, to listen to his voice once more within the walls of that church where he had once so faithfully ministered.

In the evening of Thursday, October 24, I confirmed 2 in Grace Church, Chicopee. I am happy to say that this parish, at the time of my visit, was no longer vacant; the Rev. Andrew Croswell having been succeeded in its charge by the Rev. William B. Colburn, who still continues the Rector.

On the Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Trinity, November 10, I confirmed 4 in the evening in St. Luke's, Chelsea.

On Wednesday, November 13, at an Ordination held in Trinity Church, Boston, I admitted to Priest's Orders the Rev. Alvan H. Washburn, Deacon, Rector of Christ Church, Hyde Park. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. William R. Babcock, Rector of St. John's, Jamaica Plain, who also, together with the Rev. Drs. Wells and Randall, the Rev. Moses B. Chase, and the Rev. William H. Brooks, D. D., of the Diocese of Maine, united with me in the imposition of hands.

On the Sunday next before Advent, November 24, I confirmed 6 in the evening in St. John's, East Boston.

On the Third Sunday in Advent, December 15, I confirmed 6 in the evening in St. John's, Jamaica Plain.

On the Fourth Sunday in Advent, December 22, I preached in the evening in the Chapel in Freeman Place, Boston, to a congregation of whom a small portion were Deaf Mutes; the sermon being interpreted in the sign language by the Rev. T. Gallaudet, Rector of St. Ann's Church for Deaf Mutes, New



York. I mention this service for the purpose of saying, that, shortly before that time, Mr. Gallaudet, whose labors, as well as those of his honored father, in behalf of this afflicted class of our fellow-men are so extensively known, visited this city with the view of interesting the clergy and others in the establishment here of an Episcopal Church, for the benefit of such Deaf Mutes as might be willing to attend. Several parochial clergymen of Boston and Roxbury met the proposal with cordiality; and promised to obtain, if possible, among their congregations a sufficient sum for supporting a minister for six months, and thus trying the experiment. On the day above named, regular services were commenced by the Rev. E. Benjamin, who had recently been admitted to Deacon's Orders in the Diocese of New York, and who, under the instructions of Mr. Gallaudet, had been devoting himself for some time to the acquisition of the sign language. At the end of three months, however, Mr. Benjamin, not having secured the attendance of a sufficient number of Deaf Mutes to encourage the continuance of his ministrations, relinquished the undertaking, and returned to New York.

On the Sunday after Christmas Day, December 29, I confirmed 9 in the evening in the Free Church of St. Mary for Sailors, Boston.

On Tuesday, December 31, at an Ordination held in the Church of the Messiah, Boston, I admitted to Deacon's Orders Mr. Francis E. R. Chubbuck, a Candidate for Orders of this Diocese. The Sermon on this occasion was preached by the Rev. Dr. Burroughs, of the Diocese of New Hampshire. Mr. Chubbuck is at present Chaplain of one of the Massachusetts Regiments fighting for their country against the rebels.

On Wednesday, January 22, 1862, I held an Ordination in Emmanuel Church, Boston, and admitted to Deacon's Orders

Mr. George Sturgis Paine, a Candidate for Orders of this Diocese. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Justin Field.

On Tuesday, March 18, it was my mournful duty to commit to the dust, in Trinity Church, Boston, the remains of Mrs. Griswold, who, for nineteen years, had been the widow of that venerated man who once presided over this Diocese. She expired at Pawtucket, on the 15th of the month just mentioned, after many years of suffering from incurable disease. But her long illness had been borne with exemplary patience; and her end, like her life, was one of cheerful and unshaken trust in the atoning blood of the Lord our Righteousness. The Rector of St. Paul's, Dedham, of whose parish she was a member for several years after Bishop Griswold's departure, took part in the Burial Service; and an address, full of tender recollections of the dead, and eminently calculated to impress upon the living the excellency of Christ, and the blessedness of the sanctifying Spirit in his work upon the heart, was delivered to the clergy, and others assembled, by the Rev. Dr. Taft, of the Diocese of Rhode Island.

On the Third Sunday in Lent, March 23, I confirmed 7 in the morning in Trinity Church, Boston; and

In the evening of the same day, confirmed 13 in St. Matthew's, South Boston. The Rev. Frederick Wilson, formerly Rector of this parish, has resigned the charge of it, and removed to England; and has been succeeded by the Rev. James I. F. Coolidge, from the Diocese of Rhode Island.

During this same week, on Wednesday, March 26, I had the sorrowful office, in presence of many who are here to-day, of committing to the ground the body of my dear old friend, and the beloved and honored brother of us all, the Rev. Charles Mason, D. D., Rector of Grace Church, Boston. Part of the Burial Service was conducted by the Rev. William R. Babcock, Rector

of St. John's, Jamaica Plain ; and a part also by the Rev. Samuel S. Spear, in whose preparation for the ministry, usefulness, and happiness, Dr. Mason had taken the affectionate interest of a father, and who, as I have already mentioned, had been acting as his valued assistant since October last. Before the crowded assembly gathered within the walls of Grace Church on this occasion, I uttered a brief tribute to the excellencies and virtues of our departed companion in labor ; but the present is the occasion for permanently recording, not only the fact of his death on Sunday, March 23, after a short illness, but also the love I bore him, — and the profound sense I feel of the loss which we have sustained. My first acquaintance with Dr. Mason was nearly thirty years ago, when he came to New York to pursue his studies in the General Theological Seminary. He became one of the Teachers in the Sunday School of the Church of the Ascension, of which I was at that time the Rector ; and, being brought into frequent intercourse with him by this and other circumstances, I was strongly attracted towards him by the refinement and simplicity of his manners, and by the evident desire with which he was possessed to consecrate himself to the glory of the Saviour, and the good of men. After he had entered the ministry, I saw him now and then at his distinguished father's residence in this city, while I was on occasional visits to Boston. The same character then marked him as before. And, on coming into closer relations with him as the Bishop of this Diocese, the regard he had previously inspired continually increased. He was eminently, my brethren, the sanctified scholar, and the Christian gentleman. I always found him an efficient coadjutor in enforcing the requirements of our Church, in reference to due preparation for the ministry. Setting a high estimate on biblical as well as classical knowledge, he never gave the sanction of his consent to the admission of any who, from indolence or

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any other cause of deficiency, proved themselves on examination to be unfitted for their trust. In this respect the Diocese of *Massachusetts*, and with it, of course, the whole Church, owes him a debt of gratitude and honor. And then our departed friend was a *working* minister of Christ. He worked always; and under all circumstances, whether favorable or discouraging; and under the promptings of that lofty motive of duty which led him to desire only to be, where God would have him to be. And, in addition to all this, how greatly did Dr. Mason love the simplicity of the gospel! He neither explained it away by barren speculation, nor obscured it by semi-popish superstition. The burden of his ministry was man's disease, and its remedy through atoning blood. And, as he kept firmly to evangelical doctrine, so likewise did he stand fast by our ancient simplicity in worship. Mummery, and exaggerated ceremonial, and display, he regarded with aversion, not only as foreign from his manly tastes, but as substituting a religion of the imagination for the religion of the heart.

Such was our dear and cherished brother. At the age of only 49 years, and amidst days of vigorous health, he has vanished from these scenes of labor. But he has departed "to be with Christ, which is far better." "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

On Thursday, April 3, I confirmed 23 in the morning at St. John's, Lowell. The church of this parish has been finished, and is a very beautiful and convenient building; and is also placed in a part of the city where it was much needed. I regret that, owing to the pressure of the times, the remaining liability upon it has not been discharged, and that, on this account, it cannot yet be consecrated.

In the afternoon of the same day I confirmed 29 in St. Anne's, Lowell.

On the Fifth Sunday in Lent, April 6, I confirmed 20 in the afternoon in St. Mark's, Boston; and

In the evening of the same day, confirmed 55 in Emmanuel Church, Boston, including 1 from Christ Church, Cambridge. To these 54 is to be added 1 already mentioned as confirmed at Newton Corner, making 55 as the whole number for the year.

On the Sunday next before Easter, April 13, I confirmed 26 in the afternoon in St. James's, Roxbury; and

In the evening of the same day, confirmed 20 in St. Stephen's Chapel, Boston.

On Good Friday, April 18, I confirmed 5 in the afternoon in Christ Church, Cambridge; making, with 1 just mentioned as confirmed in Emmanuel Church, 6 as the number for the year.

On Thursday, April 24, I consecrated Emmanuel Church, Boston. This church had been occupied by the congregation for several months; but an encumbrance on the property had prevented its being duly set apart to the service of God. A large congregation of the clergy and others witnessed the consecration services; and the Sermon on the occasion was preached by the Rev. William A. Muhlenburg, D. D., of St. Luke's Hospital, New York. The building, which was designed by Alexander R. Esty, Esq., presents an interior chaste in ornament, and convenient in its arrangements. Its cost, together with that of the land on which it stands, was \$62,000. May the sanctuary thus dedicated to the Most High be ever a place in which His presence shall dwell, and in which many souls, through the blessing of the Holy Spirit on the ministry of the word, shall be born into the new life of "repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ!"

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On the First Sunday after Easter, April 27, I confirmed 11 in the afternoon in St. Paul's, Boston; and

In the evening of the same day, confirmed 30 in St. John's, Charlestown.

St. Philip and St. James's Day, May 1, I confirmed 26 in the evening in the Church of the Advent, Boston.

On Wednesday, May 14, I confirmed 14 in the evening in St. Paul's, Dedham; making, with the 5 confirmed in September last, 19 as the whole number since the last Convention.

On Sunday last, the Fourth after Easter, May 18, I confirmed 11 in the afternoon in the Church of the Messiah, Boston; and

In the evening of the same day, confirmed 6 in St. John's, East Boston; making, with 8 already mentioned as confirmed here in November last, 14 as the number for the year. At this visit to East Boston, I was highly gratified by the marked progress of St. John's as indicated by the enlargement of the parish church. Its length has been very considerably increased, and thereby it has not only gained a large additional number of pews, but been greatly improved in appearance. May the Lord grant, in company with this token of outward prosperity, the blessing of his renewing and sanctifying grace upon the attendants within its walls!

In addition to the foregoing statements, I have pleasure in mentioning that the services of our Church have been held for some time at Malden, and that a parish has been organized there by the name of Grace Church. I have also to record the organization of a parish, by the name of St. Mark's, at Southborough. The Rev. Joshua R. Peirce, who, at the time of our last Convention, was officiating at this place, has since left it, and is at present laboring in the Diocese of New Hampshire.

The particulars to which I have thus called your attention

give the following result:—Since the last Convention of the Diocese I have confirmed 614 persons ; ordained 6 Deacons, and 2 Priests ; consecrated 2 churches ; laid the corner-stone of 1 church ; and 2 parishes have been organized. The number of persons confirmed falls not far short of that of the preceding year ; and this is a fact for which, considering the distraction caused by the present war, and also the departure of so many young men from our various parishes for the defence of their country on the field of battle, we have reason to feel hearty gratitude to God.

The changes in the Diocese in addition to those already mentioned are as follows : —The Rev. Arthur Mason has resigned the Rectorship of St. Andrew's, Chelsea ; the Rev. N. G. Allen has left Auburndale, and is laboring, with encouraging prospects of success as he assures me, for the establishment of the services of our Church in Somerville ; the Rev. Benjamin F. DeCosta is a chaplain of one of the Massachusetts Regiments at the seat of war ; the Rev. E. F. Watson holds a similar appointment ; the Rev. Edward Cowley has ceased to officiate at Attleborough, and has for some time been rendering ministerial services in Philadelphia ; the Rev. James H. Tyng has been transferred to New Hampshire, the Rev. Julius S. Townsend to Pennsylvania, the Rev. W. H. Brooks, D. D., to Maine, the Rev. John Wayland, D. D., to New York, and the Rev. W. S. Child to Rhode Island. The Rev. Nathan W. Munroe, and the Rev. Frederick Freeman, have been received with Letters Dimissory from the Diocese of New York ; and the Rev. Keusey Johns Stewart has been received from Illinois.

A few months ago the room in Commercial Street, occupied as the Chapel of our Diocesan Seamen's Mission, was destroyed by fire. Such arrangements were immediately made that there has been no interruption of the services ; and a return will

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probably take place, in course of time, to the very convenient location of which the Mission is now deprived.


The names of the Candidates for Holy Orders are the following:—Wentworth S. Butler, Abner P. Brush, Albert U. Stanley, O. W. Whitaker, Edward Hale, Daniel S. Preston, Charles Learoyd, George L. Locke, James Kent Stone, William A. Holbrook, Henry Freeman Allen, Sylvester John Sawyer, Pliny B. Morgan, Henry Sterns, and George Gardner Jones — Total, 15. Mr. Charles C. Wright, whose name was on the list presented at the last Convention, departed this life in Pittsfield on the 1st of September last; and Mr. Edmund Squire, another on the same list, in July last ceased to be a Candidate at his own request. I had occasion, when we last assembled together in our annual Convention, to speak of the cause we had for thankfulness in the large increase of the number of our Candidates for the ministry, as compared with the previous year, and with many preceding years. We have ground for similar gratitude now; the number of the names just read being still greater than that which I recorded twelve months ago.

In meeting you at this time, my brethren in the ministry, and my Christian friends of the laity, I cannot refrain from congratulating you upon the success with which, thus far, a gracious Providence has crowned the armies of the Union in their conflict with the perpetrators of the rebellion. A year ago, all that we had to comfort us, while clouds were gathering round the country, was the conviction of the wisdom of God's purposes in this great calamity, and of the great truth that, by his own means, and in his own way, He is carrying forward his kingdom in the world; together with the belief, that, in the path of righteous resistance to a wicked insurrection, we had ground for expecting the blessing which follows the patient discharge of duty. With what cheering tokens of divine aid we have been favored, I need not



occupy our time with reciting. Let us praise and bless the King of kings for all that through the skill of our commanders, and the valor of our troops, He has done in our behalf. Let us humble ourselves for our national transgressions, and acknowledge His hand in the tribulations which, following on all war, more especially follow on civil war. Let us remember in our prayers the bereaved, the wounded, the sick, and the dying. Let us implore the speedy accomplishment of a just peace. And let us ask of God that this nation, coming purified out of the furnace of trial, may be more than ever fitted to fulfil its mission, as a Christian and protestant land, of carrying the light of the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth.

And now, before concluding the present Address, I beg to call the attention of this body to a subject which has for some time occupied my thoughts,—namely, the desirableness of my ceasing to connect with the administration of this Diocese the labors of the Rector of Trinity Church, Boston. It is now nearly twenty years since I began my work as your Bishop; and during that period there has been, through God's blessing, a gradual but large increase in the number of parishes in the Diocese, and consequently in the field of Episcopal labor. I now feel, therefore, that the time has come, when I cannot continue to combine the two offices of Bishop and Rector without either, on the one hand, incurring the risque of injury to my health by too much work, or, on the other, allowing the interests of the Diocese or the parish to suffer through the want of requisite attention. I am sure that this Convention will acknowledge, that the various portions of this now extensive vineyard need constant and active Episcopal care; and I equally believe that they will not be willing, if they can help it, to see me, in the endeavor to meet these demands in conjunction with the requirements of a parochial cure, oppressed with a double burden too heavy for me to bear.



What I would request is, that this Convention may take measures for the speedy addition of such a sum to the existing Episcopal Fund of the Diocese, as will enable me to be released from all parochial responsibilities. I commend the subject to your prompt action.

And may God further us, in this and in all our doings, with his gracious help, to the promotion of his glory in the welfare of souls, and in the advancement of the blessed Kingdom of his dear Son !

On motion,

*Resolved*, That that portion of the Bishop's address relating to the subject of the Episcopal Fund be referred to a Committee of four, to be nominated by the Chair.

The Chair nominated as that Committee the Rev. J. S. Copley Greene, the Rev. Theodore W. Snow, James S. Amory and Edward S. Rand.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That those portions of the Bishop's address referring to the loss sustained by this Convention in the deaths of the Rev. Charles Mason, D. D., and the Rev. James J. Bowden, be referred to a Committee of three, to be nominated by the Chair for the report of suitable resolutions.

The Chair nominated the Rev. William R. Babcock, the Rev. S. Brenton Shaw and Harrison Fay, as that Committee.

The Rev. Thomas H. Vail, D.D., from the Committee on the Order of Business appointed at the last Convention made the following Report :

The Committee appointed at the last Convention to report to this Convention, Rules for the Order of Business, &c., as re-

corded on pages 45 and 46 of the last Journal, respectfully report and recommend the following :

**A STANDING ORDER OF BUSINESS, AND RULES OF ORDER OF THE CONVENTION OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE DIOCESE OF MASSACHUSETTS.**

**STANDING ORDER OF BUSINESS.**

*For the First Day of the Session.*

**A. M.**

After Morning Prayer, Sermon, or Charge, and the administration of the Holy Communion, the President will take the chair, when the order of the procedure shall be as follows :

I. 1. The Secretary shall call over the names of the Clergy entitled to seats and votes, and of those entitled only to seats, from a list presented by the Bishop, and shall receive the certificates of Lay Delegates, as the names of the parishes are called.

2. The President will appoint a Committee on Qualifications, to receive, examine, and report upon the list of the Clergy and the credentials of the Lay Delegates ; after which a recess may be taken.

**P. M.**

II. 1. The Committee on Qualifications shall report.

2. The Secretary shall call the names of the Clergy and of the Lay Delegates, as the same shall have been approved by the Convention.

3. A constitutional quorum of both Orders being present, the President shall declare the Convention organized for business.

4. The election of a Secretary, (who shall have power to appoint an Assistant,) and of a Treasurer.

5. The reading of the Rules of Order of the last Convention.

6. The appointment by the President of five Standing Committees, viz. : a Committee on the admission of new parishes ; a Committee on the Constitution and Canons, — to consist each of five members, three Clergymen and two Laymen ; an Executive

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Committee, for nominating the Preachers of Sermons before this body, and for recommending the time and place of holding the Convention,—to consist of three members, two Clergymen and one Layman ; a Committee on Unfinished Business, and a Committee of Finance,—to consist each of three members, one Clergyman and two Laymen.

7. The receiving and referring of papers in respect to the admission of new parishes.

III. The annual Address of the Bishop, unless he should prefer another time for its delivery ; if so, it shall be in order at any time.

IV. Reports and action upon the same, in the following order :

1. Report from the Treasurer of the Convention.
2. Report from the Registrar of the Convention.
3. Report from the Special Committees appointed at the preceding Convention.
4. Report from the Committee on new Parishes, the admission of the Parishes, and the reception of their Lay Delegates.
5. Report from the Standing Committee.
6. Report from the Board of Missions.
7. Report from the Board of Missions to Seamen.
8. Report from the Committee on the Increase of the Episcopal Fund.
9. Report from the Trustees of Donations.
10. Report from the Margaret Coffin Prayer Book Society.
11. Report from the Society for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen.
12. Report from the Society for the Relief of Aged and Indigent Clergymen.
13. Report from the Finance Committee.
14. Report from the Committee on Unfinished Business.
15. Report from the Executive Committee.
16. Parochial Reports to be presented to the Bishop.

If any Report be not ready in the order prescribed above, more time may be allowed, and it shall be presented and be in order, at the first vacancy in the regular business, after it shall be prepared.

V. Miscellaneous Business, such as proposed changes in the Constitution and Canons, matters to be referred to Special or other Committees, Resolutions, &c.

*For the Second Day of the Session.*

After Devotional Exercises, at 9 A. M.,

I. 1. Reading and approval of the minutes of the previous day.

2. Report from the Committee on Qualifications, of members not present nor reported on the preceding day; the names of such Clergymen and the Credentials of such Lay Delegates having been previously handed to the Secretary, and by him referred to said Committee.

3. The calling of the Roll of members.

II. The finishing of the business, if any, which was under consideration at the time of the adjournment of the Convention.

III. The disposal of the unfinished business in the order above prescribed for the first day.

IV. Miscellaneous Business.

V. Elections at 11 o'clock, A. M., in the following order :

1. Election of Deputies to the General Convention.

2. Election of Registrar.

3. Election of Standing Committee.

4. Election of Trustees (nominated) of the General Theological Seminary.

5. Election of Board of Missions to Seamen.

6. Election of Committee on the Increase of the Episcopal Fund.

7. Election of Committee on entertaining the Clerical members of the Convention.

VI. 1. Report of the Committee on the Constitution and Canons, and action thereon.

2. Reports of Special or other Committees on matters referred to them during the Session, and action thereon.

VII. Miscellaneous Business.

VIII. The reading and approval of the minutes.

IX. Singing, Prayers, Benediction by the Bishop, or, in his absence, by the senior Presbyter present. Adjournment *sine die*.

*For the Third or other Subsequent Day of the Session.*

I. Devotional Exercises, Reading &c., of the Minutes, Reception of new Members, Calling of the Roll, and finishing of Business under consideration at last adjournment, as on the Second Day.

II. The disposal of the unfinished Business of the Convention, in the order above prescribed.

II. RULES OF ORDER.

RULE I. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, except to address the Chair.

No member shall absent himself from the house, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

When any member is about to speak, or deliver any matter to the house, he shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the house; nor more than once, until others desiring to speak shall have spoken.

While the President is putting any question, the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private discourse.

Every member, who shall be in the house when any question is put, shall vote, unless he be personally interested in the question, or shall be excused by the Convention for reasons assigned.

RULE II. All Special Committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

RULE III. No motion shall be considered as before the Convention, unless seconded by a member not belonging to the same parish with the mover; and every motion shall, if required, be reduced to writing, and the name of the mover appended.

RULE IV. When the report of a Committee is presented, it shall be read and entered on the minutes, unless otherwise determined by the house; and, if accompanied by resolutions, the question shall be on adopting them.

RULE V. When a question is before the Convention, it shall

be in order — 1, To lay on the table ; 2, To postpone to a day certain ; 3, To commit ; 4, To amend ; 5, To divide ; 6, To postpone indefinitely ; and motions for any of these proceedings shall have precedence in the order in which they are here named ; and a question on any of these proceedings shall be decided before the original motion.

**RULE VI.** An address or communication from the Bishop shall be in order at any time.

**RULE VII.** A motion to lay upon the table shall be decided without debate.

**RULE VIII.** A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, when no member is speaking, and, if unqualified, shall be decided without debate.

**RULE IX.** When votes by orders are called for (by three Clerical members or by the lay delegations from three parishes) the yeas and nays shall be entered on the minutes.

**RULE X.** At the request of the President, or on motion, the Convention may resolve itself into a committee of the whole.

**RULE XI.** All elections, when required by two members, shall be by ballot.

**RULE XII.** On all questions of order the President shall decide, subject to an appeal to the house.

**RULE XIII.** All amendments shall be considered in the order in which they are moved. When a proposed amendment is under consideration, a motion to amend the same may be made ; no after amendment to such second amendment shall be in order ; but a substitute for such second amendment, or a substitute for the whole matter, may be received. No proposition on a subject different from that under consideration shall be received under color of a substitute.

**RULE XIV.** The mover may withdraw a motion or resolution at any time before decision or amendment, with the consent of the Convention, in which case it shall not be entered on the minutes.

**RULE XV.** A question being decided, shall not be reconsidered during the same session, without the consent of two-thirds of the members present, nor unless the motion to reconsider be

made and seconded by members who voted in the majority on the original decision.

**RULE XVI.** When the Convention is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the President leaves his chair.

**RULE XVII.** None of the Rules of Order shall be suspended without the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

**RULE XVIII.** The foregoing Rules of Order shall be read at the opening of every Convention, and shall be of force, unless repealed by a vote of the Convention.

THOMAS H. VAIL,  
THOMAS R. LAMBERT,  
JAMES S. AMORY,  
JOSEPH G. MOODY.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the foregoing Report be printed in the Journal, and lie over for consideration of the next Convention.

The Rev. Dr. Nicholson from the Board of Missions for Seamen made the following annual Report from that Body :

### **Report of the Board of Missions to Seamen.**

The Diocesan Board of Missions to Seamen have great pleasure in reporting to the Convention, that never before, as they believe, has the work committed to their care been so prosperous, or so encouraging to their efforts. During the earlier and greater part of the past year, the attendance of Seamen at our chapel was very good, and steadily increasing; instances of conversion to God were frequent among them; the meetings for social prayer and exhortation were seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord; and on the whole, the religious interest of the mission exceeded that of any previous year. We can truly say, and with devout thankfulness we do say, that God has been with us — in “demonstration of the Spirit and of power” — in making effective the words of the Gospel of His grace — in gladdening the hearts and solacing the hardships of




seafaring men — in “taking out of them a people for His name.” Nor alone within the chapel, but as well in the boarding house and on shipboard, we have endeavored to sow the good seed of the word of God; for during the year there have been distributed among Seamen about four hundred Bibles and Testaments, sixty Prayer-books, and nearly fifteen thousand tracts. And this work for the spiritual good of the sailor we have striven to accompany, to the extent that we have been able, with contributions to his temporal well-being; there having been appropriated numerous articles of clothing to the destitute and suffering.

For the accomplishment of these results we are indebted, under God, mainly to the self-denying zeal of our missionary; of whose devotion and effectiveness in this work, notwithstanding that it is additional to his duties as the Rector of a regular parish, we wish here to record our highest and most satisfactory appreciation.

Certainly we have done but very little comparatively; but the little has been much, very much, to the individual souls benefitted; and we feel that these results of our work deserve to be called *great*, to the praise of the glory of the Giver of all good.

In speaking of the encouraging religious prosperity of our work, we have referred mainly to the earlier and larger part of the past year; not that latterly God has withheld from us all tokens of His gracious approval and blessing, for it has appeared to us quite otherwise; but we have been most seriously interrupted in the prosecution of our labors. A destructive fire has deprived us of our chapel, our books, and all the furniture of public worship, besides a valuable lot of seamen's clothing. Another place of worship, it is true, was immediately secured in the basement of the Unitarian house at the corner of Clarke Street, where our services continue to be held. But we have neither chancel arrangements nor any other thing to remind one that it is an Episcopal place of worship, except only the offering of our Morning and Evening prayers. Nor is the location so good for gathering in the sailors, as was the site in Commercial



Street. All this is against us ; nevertheless in no degree are we discouraged. God sent the trial, and He meant it for good. It may be that He designed to try our faith, and thus to quicken our zeal, and make more self-denying our devotion. Often, very often, He lays His afflicting hand on even His best beloved ; and doubtless, if with submissive and loving hearts we make our devotion more importunate than ever, we shall soon find occasion to say, as the servants of this mission, "It is indeed good for us that we have been afflicted."

For the Board,

WM. R. NICHOLSON.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the regular elections be the order of the day for 11 o'clock, to-morrow.

R. H. Dana, Jr., Esq. presented the following Report from the Committee appointed at the last Convention on the subject of the Will of the late William Price :

The Committee appointed by the seventy-first Convention on the subject of the Price Charity, ask leave to submit the following Report : —

In conformity with the Resolution adopted by the seventy-first Convention, the Committee conferred with the Attorney General of Massachusetts, and, after an examination of the facts and a hearing of the counsel for the Trustees, that officer authorized proceedings to be instituted, in his name, for ascertaining and enforcing the public charities established by William Price.

The Committee consider their duty under the resolutions to have ended with this act, but further inform the Convention that a bill and information have been filed in the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts, in the name of the Attorney General, and that the cause is now regularly pending in that Court.

R. H. DANA, JR., }  
GEO. M. BROWNE, } *Committee.*

On motion,

*Resolved*, That said Committee be discharged.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That this Convention now adjourn to meet in this church to-morrow at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Adjourned.

*Thursday, May 22, 9 o'clock, A. M.*

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Theodore Edson, D. D., Rector of St. Anne's Church, Lowell.

The minutes of yesterday's afternoon Session were read and approved.

Mr. James B. Dow, from the Auditing Committee made the following Report :

The Auditing Committee of the Treasurer's Account have examined the books and vouchers for the last year, and find the same correct, and also the account for the preceding year, and find the same accurately cast ; — the auditing having been omitted at the last Convention.

F. COGGSWELL, } *Auditing Com.*  
JAMES B. DOW, }

The roll having been called, some members not present yesterday appeared and took seats.

On motion of the Rev. B. B. Babbitt, the resolutions offered by him yesterday were taken from the table.

The Rev. B. B. Babbitt offered the following resolution as a substitute for those offered by him yesterday :

*Resolved*, That the resolutions of the Committee of the Union Associations be referred to a Special Committee to report on the whole matter of the Missionary organization of this Diocese ; — said Committee to be composed of the Secretaries of the Central Board, and of the several Secretaries of the four District Associations, and of one Clergyman and one Layman from each Association, to be appointed by the Chair, and to report to this Convention this evening.

Which, on motion,

Was adopted.

The Rev. George M. Randall, D. D., from the Standing

Committee of the Diocese, made the annual Report of the doings of that Body :

**Report of the Standing Committee.**

The Standing Committee present the following Report of their doings, for the past Conventional year :

The Committee was duly organized on the third day of June, A. D., 1861, by the choice of the Rev. Charles Mason, D. D., as President, and the Rev. George M. Randall as Secretary. The Committee have held twelve meetings.

They have signed the Canonical Testimonials of the Rev. Henry Yardley, and the Rev. Alvan H. Washburn, Deacons, recommending them to be admitted to the Order of the PRIESTHOOD.

They have signed the Canonical Testimonials of Robert Murray, Myron A. Johnson, Samuel S. Spear, F. E. R. Chubbuck, George Sturgias Payne, applying to be admitted to the Order of DEACONS.

They have signed the Canonical Testimonials of George L. Locke, Myron Alfred Johnson, James Kent Stone, William A. Holbrook, S. J. Sawyer, Henry Freeman Allen, Henry Sterns, P. B. Morgan, late a minister of the Baptist denomination, and George Gardner Jones, late a minister of the Methodist denomination, recommending them to be admitted candidates for Holy Orders.

They have signed the Canonical Testimonial of the Rev. William Bacon Stevens, D. D., Assistant Bishop elect of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

They have given their Canonical consent to the organization of the parishes of Christ Church, Hyde Park, and St. Mark's Church, Southboro'.

They have approved bills in favor of William A. Hall, Rev. S. B. Babcock, and the Rev. Joseph H. Clinch.

During the past year, it has pleased the Great Head of the Church, to remove from their useful sphere of labors on earth, two of the members of this Committee. The removal of one third of their number by death, within a few weeks, leaving barely a quorum for the transaction of business, is a circumstance, in itself, painfully remarkable, but which is rendered the more extraordinary by the fact, that so far as appears from the Records, extend-

ing back to upwards of forty years, no member of this Committee has died while in office.

The Hon. William Appleton, who departed this life on the 15th day of February, last, was elected a member of this Board in A. D., 1855, and continued in that office until the day of his death.


The Rev. Dr. Mason was elected on this Committee in 1851, and was re-elected from year to year, until he was called to his rest on the 23d day of last March. He was Secretary of the Board, during the years 1852 and 1853. In 1860, he was elected the President, and continued in that office until his death.

The Committee take this occasion to bear their testimony to the ability and fidelity, with which their late Colleagues discharged the duties of their office, and to this end, hereby append to their report to the Convention, the following preamble and resolutions which were unanimously adopted by the Committee, at their meeting, holden on the 2d day of April last.

Since the last meeting of the Standing Committee, it has pleased God to remove from this life, two of its members: the Rev. Charles Mason, D.D., and the Hon. William Appleton. In view of this Providence, the Committee deem it their duty, to place upon its records, a tribute to their memory.

*Resolved*, That in the death of the Rev. Dr. Mason, who for nearly ten years, has been a member of this Board, and for two years served as its Secretary, and for the last two years has presided over its deliberations as President, the Church has lost a wise counsellor, a conscientious and devoted servant, who, in his prompt attendance upon the meetings of the Committee, and in the fidelity with which he discharged all its duties, secured the confidence and affection of his associates, and rendered the Church a service, worthy of grateful remembrance.

*Resolved*, That we hereby express our high appreciation of the valuable services of the late Hon. William Appleton, for the period of upwards of six years, during which, he was connected with this Committee; that we bear testimony to the faithful manner in which he discharged the duties of this trust; to the wisdom of his counsels and to his single desire, for the best good of the Church, in all his doings connected with this Board.



*Resolved*, That the Secretary enter these resolutions upon the record, and forward copies of the same to the families of our deceased associates, and that he incorporate them into his annual Report, to be made to the next annual Convention of the Church, in this Diocese.

For the Committee.

GEO. M. RANDALL, *Secretary*.

Which Report was, on motion, accepted.

The Rev. George M. Randall, D. D., Registrar of the Church in this Diocese, made the following annual Report :

The Church Registrar of this Diocese reports to the Convention, that during the past Conventional year, he has received a copy of an Historical Sketch of Calvary Church, Danvers, in manuscript, from the Rev. R. F. Chase, and a copy of "The Order for Daily Morning and Evening Prayer," "published by the Trustees of Donations," in A. D. 1812, from the Rev. Samuel Cutler.

GEO. M. RANDALL, *Registrar*.

The Rev. William R. Babcock, Secretary of the Board of Missions, presented the following annual Report of that Body :

### Report of the Board of Missions.

The Board of Missions respectfully present to the Convention, their twenty-sixth annual Report.

The Board held their first meeting, June 8, 1861, and organized for the year, by the election of a Secretary, Treasurer, and Standing Committees.

Certificates of election were presented by the following Clerical Delegates, namely :

From the Eastern District Association, the Rev. Drs. Edson, Mason, and Nicholson.

From the Southern District Association, the Rev. Drs. Randall and Vail, and the Rev. W. R. Babcock.

The Board was subsequently informed of the appointment of the following Delegates, by the Western District Association, viz. : the Rev. S. P. Parker, D. D., and the Rev. Messrs. Shaw and Yardley.

No notice has been received of the appointment of Delegates, by the Central District Association.

Thirteen parishes have been represented in the Board, by Lay Delegates, as follows :

Trinity Church, Boston, by Benj. P. Richardson.  
 St. Paul's Church, Boston, by James B. Dow.  
 Grace Church, Boston, by Geo. W. Frothingham.  
 Church of the Advent, Boston, by F. E. Oliver, M. D.  
 St. Mark's Church, Boston, by F. J. Parker.  
 St. Paul's Church, Brookline, by George A. Brown.  
 Christ Church, Cambridge, by Samuel Batchelder, Jr.  
 St. John's Church, Jamaica Plain, by Daniel B. Hager.  
 Christ Church, Waltham, by Andrew H. Ward, Jr.  
 St. James's Church, Roxbury, by Charles McBurney.  
 St. Thomas' Church, Taunton, by Samuel L. Crocker.  
 St. Peter's Church, Salem, by George A. Perkins, M. D.  
 St. Anne's Church, Lowell, by William A. Burke.

Appropriations have been made during the year, as follows :

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| To the Missionary at Clappville, | - | - | - | - | \$100        |
| " " Wood's Hole,                 | - | - | - | - | 200          |
| " " Swansea,                     | - | - | - | - | 100          |
| " " Lee,                         | - | - | - | - | 200          |
| " " Vandensenville,              | - | - | - | - | 150          |
| " " North Adams,                 | - | - | - | - | 300          |
| " " East Boston,                 | - | - | - | - | 200          |
| " " Lynn,                        | - | - | - | - | 100          |
| " " Danvers,                     | - | - | - | - | 150          |
| " " Chicopee,                    | - | - | - | - | 200          |
| " " Stockbridge,                 | - | - | - | - | 150          |
| " " St. John's, Lowell,          | - | - | - | - | 300          |
| Total,                           | - | - | - | - | <hr/> \$2150 |

The salaries pledged as above to the Missionaries, have been promptly paid by the Treasurer.

The Treasurer acknowledges the receipt of the following sums,  
viz. : —

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| For the Massachusetts Board of Missions, | - -       | \$2044.19 |
| From the Eastern District Association,   | - - -     | 818.59    |
| From the Southern District Association,  | - -       | 726.36    |
|                                          |           | <hr/>     |
| Total,                                   | - - - - - | \$3589.14 |

The Board also gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the sum, devised in the Will of the late Edward Codman ; which has enabled them to discharge all the pledges made to the Missionaries, and to report themselves to this Convention, as being free from debt.

During the past year, no new Missionary stations have been adopted.

The Board report favorably concerning the condition of the parishes which have been aided by them ; the advancement of which, it is believed, will compare well with that of our larger and stronger parishes.

The faithful and self-denying exertions of our Missionaries, certainly deserve a very different requital, from any which it has been in our power to bestow.

There are parishes which have long been upon our list of beneficiaries, which we hope will soon be able to assume a position of independence. There are others, which, under the most favorable circumstances to be anticipated for them, will continue to require the fostering care of the Board in coming years. But upon all the stipendiary parishes in the Diocese, for whatever period, or to whatever extent, they have been aided by us, we would urge the duty, and the absolute necessity of relieving the Board, as far and as fast as may be practicable.

The last few years have witnessed but a slight increase in our Missionary contributions. Should this unhappily continue to be the case, our resources for new appropriations will consist, chiefly, of such sums as may be relinquished by the older Missionary stations.

During the past year, the Standing Rules of the Board have been revised ; two of which, in their present form, are thought



to be of such general interest, as to justify their insertion in this Report. They are as follows :

1. No appropriation shall be made to any Missionary, who shall not have been either appointed or approved by this Board.

2. No appropriation shall be either made or renewed, except upon special application, setting forth the grounds upon which such appropriation is desired.

From these rules it will be seen that the appropriations of the Board are always made to Missionaries, never to parishes or Missionary stations — and that they are never made for a longer period than one year, ending the first day of April, at which time, should a renewal of them be desired, the reasons for the same must be communicated to the Board.

The Eastern and Southern District Associations have continued to hold their usual meetings, during the past year.

In the Central and Western Associations, meetings have also been held, though at longer intervals.

In the month of January, there was a Union meeting of all the Associations, in the Church of the Messiah, in this city. All these meetings, it is hoped, have exerted a good influence, both upon the Clergy who have attended them, and the Parishes in which the meetings have been held.

In closing this Report, the Board would express their sense of the great loss which they have recently sustained, in the death of one of their oldest and most devoted members. Upon the earliest record of this Board, in the hands of the present Secretary, and made almost twenty years ago, stands the name of the Rev. Charles Mason. Since that time, he has been, without interruption, a member of the Missionary organization of this Diocese, in its different forms — always among the most regular attendants at its meetings — and always discreet, prudent, and scrupulously faithful, in the discharge of every duty with which he was entrusted. While the Board acknowledge with gratitude the great value of the services which he was so long permitted to render, in his relations to them, they desire to add theirs to the general tribute of respect for his memory, and of sorrow for the loss

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which will long continue to be felt, in every sphere of his efforts and influence.

For the Board,

W. R. BABCOCK, *Secretary.*

Which Report was, on motion, accepted.

The Rev. Alfred L. Baury presented the annual account of the Treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen. (*See Appendix.*)

On motion of Rev. Alfred L. Baury,

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Clergymen of the several Parishes, to make a Collection during the season of Lent, in aid of the funds of the Society for relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, and that the amount collected be appropriated to the benefit of the Clergymen of the several Parishes so contributing.

The Chair nominated the following gentlemen to form the Committee on the resolution of the Rev. B. B. Babbitt, on page 40.

*Eastern District.* The Rev. Theodore Edson, D. D., James B. Dow.

*Southern District.* The Rev. Thomas H. Vail, D. D., James S. Amory,

*Western District.* The Rev. S. Brenton Shaw, E. A. Newton.

*Central District.* The Rev. G. H. McKnight, Seth Hartwell.

The hour for the order of the day having arrived, the Convention proceeded to the election of the officers of the different organizations of the Diocese.

The Chair appointed the Rev. Thomas H. Vail, D. D., and the Rev. John L. Watson, D. D., tellers to collect, count and sort the votes for the Standing Committee.

The Chair appointed the Rev. E. F. Slafter and Sanford M. Hunt, a Committee to collect, sort and count the votes for Deputies to the General Convention.

The question coming up on the nomination of Trustees of the General Seminary, it was moved by R. H. Dana, Jr., Esq., that the present list of members be re-nominated.

An amendment was offered by the Rev. Geo. M. Randall, D. D., and accepted by R. H. Dana, Jr., that the present list of Trustees be re-nominated, and that the Convention proceed to ballot for one member in place of Rev. Charles Mason, D. D., deceased.

Which motion was adopted.

The Chair appointed the Rev. W. H. Munroe and Geo. C. Shattuck, M. D., a Committee to collect and count the votes for a Trustee of the General Theological Seminary.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That in the election of a Board of Missions for Seamen, balloting be dispensed with.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Board of last year be re-elected as the Board of the present year.

The Rev. Thomas H. Vail, D. D., from the Committee to collect the votes for Standing Committee, reported that the following persons were elected :

*Standing Committee.*

*Clergy.*

*Lay.*

The Rev. Geo. M. Randall, D. D., Geo. C. Shattuck, M. D.,

“ Theodore Edson, D. D., Otis Daniell,

“ Thomas R. Lambert, Charles H. Parker.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That a Committee of five Clergymen of this City and five Laymen be appointed by the Chair, to receive and entertain Clerical and Lay Delegates to the Convention.

The Rev. Benj. B. Babbitt from the Committee on the petition of Trinity Church, Pawtucket, made the following Report :

The Committee appointed to consider the memorial of Trinity Church, Pawtucket, stating the fact of the transfer of its church building and of a large portion of its parishioners to the State of Rhode Island, and requesting a corresponding change of its ecclesiastical relations, would respectfully report as follows, with accompanying resolution :

Being of opinion that the civil change of boundaries, by which the town of Pawtucket has been transferred to the State of Rhode Island, does not change the ecclesiastical allegiance of the Parish of Trinity Church ; — inasmuch as there is no provision in our ecclesiastical law, by which this Convention can discharge said Parish from its ecclesiastical allegiance, or transfer it to the Diocese of Rhode Island, therefore,

*Resolved*, That this Convention appreciate and approve the spirit and motive of the memorial of Trinity Church, Pawtucket, in asking for its transfer to the Diocese of Rhode Island, and do hereby consent thereto ; and would instruct our Deputies to the General Convention to represent to that Body the case of said Parish, and use their endeavors to secure such legislation as shall allow said Parish to be transferred according to its request and desire, and also such other legislation as is, or may be required, with reference to the other territory which has been affected by the change of State lines between Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That said Report be recommitted, and that the Committee report again this afternoon.

Dr. Shattuck, from the Committee to collect the votes for a vacancy in the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, reported that the Convention had made choice of the Rev. Cyrus F. Knight.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That in the election of a Committee on the Increase of the Episcopal Fund, balloting be dispensed with.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Committee of last year be re-elected,

and that the name of S. Russel Sturgis, Jr., be substituted for that of William Appleton, deceased.

The Rev. E. F. Slafter, from the Committee for collecting the votes for Deputies to the General Convention, reported that the Convention had made choice of the following gentlemen :

*Clergy.**Laity.*

|                                  |                     |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| The Rev. Geo. M. Randall, D. D., | Edward A. Newton,   |
| “ Theodore Edson, D. D.,         | Robert C. Winthrop, |
| “ Nicholas Hoppin, D. D.,        | Isaac F. Redfield,  |
|                                  | Peter Hubbell.      |

And that there is one Clerical vacancy.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Rev. S. P. Parker, D. D., having the highest number of votes, be declared elected to fill the vacancy in the Clerical Delegation.

The Chair appointed the Rev. C. F. Knight and the Rev. W. G. Hawkins, a Committee to collect and count the votes for substitute Deputies.

On motion of Mr. H. Gray,

*Resolved*, That the vote by which the Rev. S. P. Parker, D. D., was declared elected, be reconsidered.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That, in the election of a person to fill the vacancy in the Clerical Delegation to the General Convention, balloting be dispensed with.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Rev. Samuel P. Parker, D. D., be declared elected to fill the said vacancy.

The Rev. J. S. Copley Greene, from the Committee on the Increase of the Episcopal Fund, made the following Report :

The Committee on that part of the Bishop's Address referring to the increase of the Episcopal Fund, beg leave to report :

That in their opinion it is exceedingly desirable that the Bishop should be relieved of the charge of a Parish.

They believe that the interests of the Diocese would be greatly promoted, if more of his time could be given to all the Parishes. They recommend, therefore, that the subject be recommitted to the Committee on the Increase of the Episcopal Fund appointed last year, to devise measures for such increase, to report at the next Convention.

For the Committee.

J. S. COPLEY GREENE.

Which report was, on motion, accepted.

On motion of Rev. Theodore W. Snow,

*Resolved*, That three additional members be added to the Committee on the Increase of the Episcopal Fund, — to be nominated by the Chair.

The Rev. A. H. Washburn, from the Committee on Unfinished Business, made the following Report :

That the only business now lying over from the last Convention is the consideration of two proposed amendments to Article III. of the Constitution recorded on page 52 of the Journal of the 71st Convention.

Which report was on motion accepted, and the matter thereof was made the order of the day, the first thing at the meeting of the Convention this afternoon.

The Rev. Geo. M. Randall, D. D., offered the following resolutions :

*Resolved*, That this Convention commends to the special attention of the Clergy and Laity in this Diocese, the incorporated Society for the relief of Aged and Indigent Clergymen.

*Resolved*, That the Rectors of parishes in this Diocese, be earnestly requested to present the claims of this Church charity to their respective congregations, during the coming Conventional year, at such times as they may think expedient.

Which were, on motion, adopted.

The Rev. Wm. R. Babcock, from the Committee appointed yesterday on that portion of the Bishop's Address relating to the death of the Rev. Charles Mason, D. D., and the Rev. James J. Bowden, made the following Report :

The Committee appointed upon that portion of the Bishop's Address to the Convention, which related to the death of the Rev. Charles Mason, D. D., Rector of Grace Church, Boston, and the Rev. James J. Bowden, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield, respectfully present the following Report :

*Whereas*, it has pleased Almighty God in His wise Providence, since the last meeting of this Convention, to remove by death the Rev. Charles Mason, D. D., the Rector of Grace Church, Boston, therefore,

*Resolved*, That this Convention does hereby express its deep sense of his personal excellence, his eminent abilities, and his valuable services in the Church of Christ.

*Resolved*, That we place on record in our Journal, this tribute of admiration for his character, of respect for his memory, and of gratitude to God, for the gift of wisdom so rare; and for the example of piety so genuine, and labors so humble, yet so abundant.

*Resolved*, That we tender to the afflicted family of our deceased brother, our sincere sympathies, and commend them to His grace, who alone can soothe and sanctify their sorrow.

*Resolved*, That these Resolutions be entered upon the Journal, and that a copy of the same be sent to the family of our deceased brother.

*Resolved*, That this Convention does further hereby express and record its high appreciation of the great ability, zeal and energy with which the late Rev. James J. Bowden, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield, discharged the varied duties of his ministry — and its sense of the loss which the Diocese has sustained in his death.

*Resolved*, That we regard the sudden removal of the Rev. Mr. Bowden in the midst of his labors and usefulness, as a solemn admonition to increased activity and devotion in our Master's service.

*Resolved*, That this Convention hereby offers its sincere condolence to the family of the deceased.

For the Committee.

W. R. BABCOCK.

Which Report was, on motion, accepted, and the resolutions embodied therein were unanimously adopted.

The Rev. J. S. Copley Greene, from the Executive Committee, offered a report recommending that the 6th of May, 1863, be the time, and Trinity Church, Boston, the place, for the meeting of the next Convention, and that the preacher on that occasion be the Rev. William R. Babcock, and the substitute the Rev. J. I. T. Coolidge.

The Rev. S. B. Shaw offered as an amendment, that the 3d Wednesday in May be substituted for the 6th day, which amendment was, on motion, adopted.

The remainder of the report was, on motion, adopted.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That this Convention now adjourn to meet at this place at 4 o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned.

*4 o'clock, P. M.*

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. The minutes of the Morning Session were read and approved.

The Chair appointed the following to be added to the Committee on the Increase of the Episcopal Fund:

The Rev. J. S. Copley Greene, J. Sullivan Warren, E. S. Rand.

The order of the day (the amendments to Article III. of the Constitution,) having been called up,

On motion of the Rev. S. B. Babcock, it was resolved to consider the second amendment.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Vail,

*Resolved*, That the proposed amendment, together with the other amendment proposed, and recorded on page 52 of the Journal, and also the 3d Art. of the Constitution, be referred to a Committee of seven, who shall take into consideration the whole subject of the Qualification of members, and report to the next Convention, such an amendment of the 3d Article as in their judgment shall be advisable.



The Committee was appointed by vote of the Convention, as follows :

The Rev. Thomas H. Vail, D. D., Isaac F. Redfield, the Rev. S. Brenton Shaw, Geo. M. Browne, Francis Coggeswell, Thomas L. Wakefield, the Rev. E. B. Palmer.

The Rev. S. Brenton Shaw, from the Finance Committee, made the following Report :

### **Report of the Finance Committee.**

The Committee on Finance report that the Treasurer of this Convention be authorized to pay the travelling expenses of the Clerical members thereof making application, provided that their respective Parishes have paid the annual assessment, as required by Canon of 1849 respecting contingent expenses.

SAMUEL B. SHAW, } Committee.  
W. C. DURFEE, }

The following persons have applied for and received the sum against their respective names :

|                      |   |   |   |   |   |   |         |
|----------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---------|
| Rev. Samuel B. Shaw, | - | - | - | - | - | - | \$10.00 |
| " Jesse A. Penniman, | - | - | - | - | - | - | 10.00   |
| " Wm. Geo. Hawkins,  | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4.00    |
| " Wm. B. Colburn,    | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3.00    |
| " John H. Rouse,     | - | - | - | - | - | - | 5.00    |

Which report was, on motion, accepted.

The Rev. William G. Hawkins, from the Committee to collect and count the vote for Substitute Deputies to the General Convention, reported the following as having been elected :

#### *Clergy.*

#### *Laity.*

|                                  |                       |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| The Rev. F. D. Huntington, D.D., | G. C. Shattuck, M.D., |
| " John L. Watson, D. D.,         | W.W. Morland, M.D.,   |
| " Cyrus F. Knight,               | Wm. A. Burke,         |
| " Benj. B. Babbitt,              | Isaac Emery.          |

Mr. George M. Browne, from the Committee on the petition of Trinity Church, Pawtucket, made the following Report :

The Committee on the Petition of Trinity Church, Pawtucket, would respectfully report that the said petition be granted, and they recommend the passage of the subjoined resolution :

*Resolved*, That we assent to, and approve of the boundary line now established between the States of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, as the dividing line of the two Dioceses.

Which Report was, on motion of Mr. J. B. Dow, accepted, and the resolution adopted.

The Rev. S. Brenton Shaw asked leave of absence for the remainder of the Session, which, on motion, was granted.

The Chair nominated the following gentlemen to form the Committee on hospitality :

The Revs. Wm. R. Nicholson, D. D., Geo. M. Randall, D. D., F. D. Huntington, D. D., John T. Burrill, E. M. P. Wells, D. D. Messrs. James B. Dow, Benj. P. Richardson, Geo. C. Shattuck, M. D., Charles D. Kellogg, J. S. Warren.

On motion of Mr. Geo. M. Browne,

*Resolved*, That 1000 copies of the Journal be printed under direction of the Secretary.

On motion of the same,

*Resolved*, That the Secretary be empowered to forward the copies of the Journal to the several Parishes within one month after publication.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Convention now adjourn, to meet at this place this evening at half-past seven o'clock.

Adjourned.

*Half-past 7 o'clock, P. M.*

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The minutes of the afternoon Session were read and approved.

The Rev. Wm. R. Babcock from the Special Committee

to whom was referred the subject of the Missionary organization of the Diocese made the following Report :

The Committee to whom were referred the Resolutions of the Committee appointed by the Union Meeting of the Associations, beg leave to report :

That as at present informed, they are not prepared to recommend any change in the existing Missionary organization of the Diocese, but recommend the consideration, at the Session this evening, of the resolutions referred to them.

W. R. BABCOCK, *Chairman.*

On motion of Mr. Geo. M. Browne,

*Resolved*, That the subject of the Missionary organization of the Diocese be referred back to the same Committee, to report to the next Convention ; and to have the Report printed in the *Christian Witness* two weeks before the meeting of the Convention.

On motion of Rev. Geo. M. Randall, D. D.,

*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed, consisting of the Bishop and two Clergymen and two Laymen, for the purpose of making arrangements for public meetings for Missionary and other objects, to be held on the evenings of the days on which the Convention is in Session.

The Bishop appointed as this Committee the Rev. Geo. M. Randall, D. D., the Rev. Wm. R. Nicholson, D. D., Mr. E. S. Rand, and Mr. W. B. Reynolds.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That after the reading of the minutes, and the usual devotional exercises, the Convention adjourn.

The minutes of the Session were read and approved.

The members of the Convention then united in singing the 103d Hymn with the "Gloria Patri," and after prayer and benediction by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned, *sine die*.

Attest :

JOSEPH H. CLINCH, *Secretary.*

## APPENDIX.

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### PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

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#### **Suffolk County,**

#### *Trinity Church, Boston.*

THE BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE, Rector.

THE REV. ALEXANDER G. MERCER, D. D., Assistant Minister  
on the Greene Foundation.

Baptisms, (adults 1, infants 18,) 19. Marriages, 6. Burials, 16. Confirmed, 7. Communicants, 370. Sunday Scholars, 134. Teachers, 17, in addition to Superintendent and Librarian.

The contributions have been the following: — Communion offerings, \$768.20; Diocesan Missions, \$439.56; Foreign Missions, \$83.98; American Church Missionary Society, \$317.35; City Missions, \$531; For church building, \$322.50; For Education in Kenyon College, \$282; Collected at the Price Lectures, \$134.46; American Bible Society, \$518; Evangelical Knowledge Society, \$3; Diocesan Seamen's Mission, \$941; Seamen's Clothing Fund, \$73; Trinity Church Charitable Society for Clothing the Poor, \$237.04; Church Home for Orphan and Destitute Children, \$318; Offertory Collection at Convention for Widows and Orphans of Clergymen, \$81.98; Mission to Deaf

Mutes, \$37.50; New York Mission to the Jews, \$15; For Trinity Church Sunday School, \$225.15; Other objects, \$25. The total amount is \$5353.67.

*Christ Church, Boston.*

THE REV. JOHN T. BURRILL, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 37, adults 1,) 38. Communicants: died or removed, 15; added, 2; present number, 67. Marriages, 26. Burials, 28. Sunday School Scholars, 80; Teachers, 10. Contributions: Communion Alms, \$73.97; American Bible Society, \$10.17; Diocesan Missions, \$33; Evangelical Knowledge Society, for publications for gratuitous distribution, \$12; Hospital aid for Soldiers in Washington, \$38; Collections for Sunday Schools, \$68.91; Other religious purposes within the Parish, \$188; Total, \$374.05.

*St. Paul's Church, Boston.*

THE REV. W. R. NICHOLSON, D.D., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 10, adults 3,) 13. Confirmations, 11. Marriages, 9. Burials, 10. Contributions: Communion Alms, \$591.70; American Bible Society, \$315.50; For the Sunday School, \$67; For Diocesan Seaman's Mission, \$129.50; Education for Ministry, \$279.83; Diocesan Mission, from Congregation, \$398.28; Ladies' Missionary Society, mainly for Diocesan Mission, \$439.20; American Church Mission Society, \$400; Domestic Board, New York, \$10; City Mission, \$200; St. Stephen's House, \$15; Widows and Orphans Society, \$25; Society for Aged and Indigent Clergymen, \$25; Missions to Jews, \$100; Sanitary Commission, \$15; Foreign Missions, \$1097.08; Cape Palmas Orphan Asylum, \$20; Special Appropriations, \$616.60. Total, \$4744.79.

Of the sum sent to Foreign Missions, the Sunday School raised



\$609.45. Our Easter Collection amounted to \$1887.60, and is included in the above.

*Grace Church, Boston.*

On the morning of Sunday the 23d of March last, it pleased Almighty God, to call the Rev. Charles Mason, D. D., from his labors as Rector of Grace Church, to his reward in heaven. The Parish mourn the loss of an eminently faithful and much loved Pastor. Nearly fifteen years of diligent, self-denying labors had endeared him to their hearts. Their deep sorrow at his death gives evidence of the love they bore him, and of the faithfulness of his service. "*Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; even so saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labors, and their works do follow them.*"

The Parish acknowledge, with gratitude, the many tokens of sympathy extended to them, and to the bereaved family of their late beloved Pastor, by friends both within the Diocese, and from other parts of the Church, and while bowing in humble submission to the will of Almighty God, they pray that this affliction may be blessed to their spiritual good.

*Church of the Messiah, Boston.*

REV. GEO. M. RANDALL, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants,) 25. Confirmed, 11. Communicants: added, 48; died or removed, 47; present number, 348. Burials, 15. Marriages, 8. Sunday Schools: Parish School — Scholars, 140; Teachers, 30; Mission School — Scholars, 86; Teachers, 15; Total, Scholars, 226; Teachers, 45. Contributions: Communion Alms, \$281.20; Other Contributions for the Poor, \$47.50; Ladies' Circle for the Poor, \$52.87; Parochial Association, \$76.52; Missionary Collections in the Parish Sunday School, \$154.04; Collections in the Mission School, \$59.28; Monthly Collections, \$481.58; Visitor of the Poor, \$103; Other Collections, \$486; Total, \$1742.08. Of this sum \$88.50 were

appropriated to Diocesan Missions. Foreign Missions, \$40; Seamen's Aid Society, \$12; Church Home, \$24; Widows and Orphans Society, \$25; Objects within the Parish, \$542.23.

*Church of the Advent, Boston.*

[No Report.]

*St. Mark's Church, Boston.*

THE REV. C. F. KNIGHT, Rector.

Baptisms, (adults 10, infants 30,) 40. Communicants: added, 38; died or removed, 30; total, 272. Confirmed, 20. Marriages, 7. Burials, 18. Contributions: For Missions in the Diocese, \$125; other religious purposes without the Parish, \$72; for the Parish Poor, \$386.47; other religious purposes, within the Parish, \$959; Total, \$1533.47.

*Emmanuel Church, Boston.*

THE REV. F. D. HUNTINGTON, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 28, adults 15,) 43. Communicants: added, 70; present number about 250. Confirmed, 57. Marriages, 5. Burials, (4 in Parish and 12 out,) 16. Sunday School Scholars, 90. Missionary Contributions: Foreign, \$169; Domestic, \$617.89; Diocesan, \$185; Other Contributions for religious purposes, within the Parish, \$1108.93; without the Parish, \$686.78.

*St. Stephen's Chapel, Boston.*

THE REV. E. M. P. WELLS, D. D., Missionary.

THE REV. JOHN L. WATSON, D. D., Assistant Minister.

Baptisms, 87. Confirmed, 20. Communicants; constantly



varying, over 300 in the Congregation. Marriages, 47. Burials, 42. Contributions by the Congregation and Donations by individuals thereof, for Church work, \$1039.39. Sunday School Teachers, 18; Members during the year, 220; largest attendance, 120; Public Catechisings in the Church, 12. The services in the Church have been 812, at which there have been delivered 167 Sermons and Addresses. The Holy Communion has been administered at the Church and to the sick and infirm 23 times.

The annual amount given for the relief of the poor, as per last Report is \$5796.85, \$5121.09 thereof has been expended for the following articles of relief: 42,772 meals; 8,325 lodgings; 1,445 loaves given out to families; 1,175 parcels of tea and sugar; 350 small bags of flour and meal; 1,942 pairs of shoes, stockings, trowsers, jackets, flannels, shirts, &c.; 301 second-hand garments; 149 large bed comforters and blankets; 306 weeks rent; 248 weeks nursing and cases of special relief in sickness; 170 parcels of fuel; 1,680 days work and jobs done by the poor, and for the poor, and fairly paid for; 909 articles of clothing made by the poor, and for the poor, and fairly paid for; 498 Christmas and Thanksgiving dinners sent out to families.

*St. Matthew's Church, South Boston.*

THE REV. J. I. T. COOLIDGE, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 29, adults 3,) 32. Communicants: added, 30; died or removed 20; present number, 157. Confirmed, 13. Marriages, 11. Burials, 15. Sunday School Scholars, 190. Missionary Contributions: Foreign, \$13.66; Domestic, \$22.34; Diocesan, \$15; Other objects, \$13.15. Contributions within the Parish, \$578.56.

*St. John's Church, East Boston.*

THE REV. HENRY McCLOBY, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 45, adults 5,) 50. Communicants: added, 25; died 1; present number, 75. Confirmed, 14. Marriages, 6. Burials, 14. Sunday School Scholars, 125.




Within the past year, our church has been enlarged and repaired, at an expense of nearly \$2000. Owing to a large increase in attendance on the services of the Church, these alterations were imperatively demanded, and right nobly have the people responded to the call made upon them.

Both Pastor and people have reason to thank the great Head of the Church, for crowning their efforts with such a measure of success.

#### *Diocesan Mission to Seamen.*

Since my last annual Report, this Mission has been quietly and unobtrusively doing its work in providing the means of grace for the Mariner, as he turns for a few days from his stormy home on the deep, and finds himself a stranger among us, exposed to dangers more terrible than those of the ocean. We have moved on in this department of the Church's work with varied success, laboring, praying, hoping; sometimes cheered with gleams of sunshine on our work, and sometimes called to exercise our faith in contending with the obstacles which impede its progress. But on the whole, the experience of the past year has been comforting and advancing. And this we owe to the special goodness of God, who has balanced our strength with our trials, and afforded us the evidence of his presence and power working with us. He has greatly revived and refreshed the "little flock" at our Chapel, and has not left us without some tokens of his mercy in the conversion of Seamen; of the exact number we are not able to speak, but the instances in which they have given evidence of having been made the subjects of the renewing grace of God, have been more numerous the past year than in either of the preceding years in which I have labored in this cause. The conversion of Sailors has become one of the common occurrences of the day. Few vessels now leave our ports that do not number in their crews more or less of Christian Seamen. On many vessels, in our Navy as well as in our Merchant service, is heard the voice of praise and prayer; and this work will go on, till every craft, propelled by wind or steam, shall carry into all lands



the blessed Gospel in living epistles known and read of all men. Our work in this Mission has suffered some interruption during the latter part of the year, in consequence of the fire, by which our Chapel with all its furniture, and our books, together with a valuable lot of Seaman's clothing, were entirely consumed. Another place of worship was immediately secured at the corner of Hanover and Clark streets, but our Congregations fell off some, especially in regard to the attendance of Seamen. We hope, however, soon to return to Commercial street, which is unquestionably the best location for this Mission.

The services of the Mission are held as usual on the mornings and evenings of Sunday, and also a prayer meeting on Tuesday evening of each week. Our meetings for social prayer and exhortation are found to be of great importance in connection with the Missionary work among Seamen.

Since my last report, I have baptised several children belonging to the families of Seamen, and one adult, I have also married five, and attended the funerals of three.

In the distribution of Bibles, Tracts and other publications, we have been constantly at work. About 400 Bibles and Testaments; 60 Prayer-books; over 200 articles of clothing, and 15,000 Tracts have been given to Sailors during the past year. These Tracts are distributed at the Chapel, along the wharves, and in the boarding houses. I have always regretted that we cannot have more Prayer-books for gratuitous distribution. I could often place one in the hands of persons who would use it reverently and with profit.

Our gratitude is due to the "Massachusetts Bible Society," the "Seamen's Clothing Fund," and the "American Tract Society;" each of which has furnished with an unsparing hand the means for this good work.

J. T. BURRILL, *Chaplain.*

*Free Church of St. Mary for Sailors.**Richmond Street, Boston.*

THE REV. J. P. ROBINSON, Rector.

Baptisms, (adults 3, infants 25,) 28. Confirmed, 9. Marriages, 15. Funerals, 25. Communicants, 93.

*Sunday Services.*—Sunday School, two sessions, beginning at 9 o'clock, A. M., and 2 o'clock, P. M. Morning Prayer and Sermon, at quarter past 10; evening Prayer and Sermon, half past 7 o'clock, and Evening Prayer and Lecture on Wednesday and Friday evenings at half past 7, during Lent, and once a week at other times.

The Sunday School has had the benefit of a few excellent Teachers, and the effect of their labors has been seen in the increase in the Classes for Confirmation, and in some interesting instances of admission to the Holy Communion. The School is adding to its numbers every week, and we now require at least six additional Teachers.

The attendance on the Services has been good, notwithstanding the great prostration of our Commercial Marine; nor is the demeanor of these men of the Sea less remarkable than in former years. The readiness with which they join in the Services, the marked decorum and seriousness of their behaviour, and the close attention which they give to the Sermon, make these occasions of public worship peculiarly interesting.

*Book Distribution.*—The following table will show the number of Bibles, Testaments, Prayer Books and other volumes given to Seamen the past year:—Bibles: English, 400; German, 10; Danish, 7; Swedish, 8; Spanish, 6; Portuguese, 25; Italian, 5; French, 7. English Testaments, 600; German, 25; Danish, 30; Swedish, 25; Spanish, 20; Portuguese, 60; Italian, 6; French, 20. Welch, 15; Dutch, 13. Prayer Books: American, 450; German, 20; French, 15; Portuguese, 10; Church of England, 145. Other volumes for Seamen, 500; besides Tracts in all languages to a large amount.

*Clothing and other Help to Seaman and their Families.*—To

shipwrecked and destitute Seamen have been given 350 flannel shirts and drawers ; 50 pairs knit yarn socks, and 56 good second hand garments, consisting of coats, pants, and overcoats.

A large proportion of these garments were from the Ladies of the Sailor's Aid Society of St. Mary's Church. A brief extract from the second annual Report of this Society, will explain its purpose and success :

"The object of this Society, as expressed in the Constitution, is, to aid shipwrecked and destitute Seamen, and to give assistance to the industrious women of their families ! How far we have been able to fulfil these requirements we will endeavor briefly to illustrate. During five working months of the past year, there have been cut and given to work-women, 281 flannel garments, which upon completion, have been transferred to the Rev. Mr. Robinson for distribution to the poor and destitute Seamen, who are constantly calling for sympathy and assistance. Much more than this might have been accomplished with the requisite funds, but a deficiency in this all-important particular has compelled us to confine our efforts almost exclusively within the limits of the winter months, these being always the most trying for the poor, many of whom depend almost wholly upon their needles for the small income which, at best, provides them but inadequately with means for their comfort."

Many families of our Seamen have been aided with fuel, provisions, clothing, and such other help as their necessities required. None have been turned away without having their cases carefully investigated, and all who were deserving of help have received aid in proportion to their actual wants, and our means of relieving them.

*Contributions.* — Received at my house or through the Post Office, and appropriated as directed, \$662.74 ; Subscriptions, \$995 ; Offertory at Church, \$250 ; Offerings from Rector, \$300 ; Total, \$2207.74.

"Our Charities are unimpaired." With grateful heart the Rector of St. Mary's presents this as the statement of the result of his labors during the past year. It is a notable result, and is to be recorded with deep gratitude to Almighty God, and earnest

thanks to my brethren, both of the Clergy and Laity ; who have held up my hands in my unceasing labors among that interesting class in the community, among whom I long since resolved to live and to die, to spend and to be spent, for Christ's sake.

This record of unimpaired charities, is the more notable, considering the great public events of the last twelve months, which have very properly made all persons more than usually careful in all their expenditures, and have taken away from so many the means of continuing their accustomed charity. Happily these same public events have presented the Sailor in a more important light to every patriotic mind ; and though the marine has not in general been so much talked about as the land service, our merchants have felt the importance of increased zeal in behalf of our Seamen, and the fruits of our labors in past years have been in many cases made strikingly apparent.

In this Mission for some years past, the Rector has depended in a great degree upon the assistance of his own family in many ways. This year, however, he has surrendered his three sons to their Country's service, and taken upon himself again, the entire burden of that work, which for several years past, they have helped their father bear. But he cheerfully congratulates himself on the result — no debt, and "charities unimpaired."

It is with confidence that he appeals to his brethren of the Clergy and Laity for the continuance of that sympathy and support, which have so long cheered and sustained him in his labors for Seamen, and enabled him to send forth many a Sailor who, having found with us both spiritual comfort and a supply for his bodily wants, has "thanked God and took courage," to go on his never-ceasing conflict with the elements, and in his still more dangerous way among the many temptations which always await his arrival in port.

Especially in this year *when the Sailors of our Country have done so much for our Nation's honor and unity*, let no merchant patriot or Christian fail to render a due return in providing for his temporal wants, and not less for his spiritual good, and especially for the sick and shipwrecked, and for the families of the absent Sailor for whom so much of the labor of this parish is spent.

St. Mary's is a free Episcopal Church for Seamen in the Port of Boston. It is in full union with the Convention of the Church in this Diocese, as a parish for Sailors.

It is free for any body, and has no income from pew rents. It depends for its support, and for its ability to carry on and enlarge its operations, on the free-will offerings of its friends.

Contributions are respectfully solicited, and can be forwarded by mail or otherwise, to the Rector, and which he will duly acknowledge.

P. S. This Parish will send to the next Convention its Lay Delegates.

*To the Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D. D.,* }  
*Bishop of Massachusetts.*

During the past year, with some interruptions caused by sickness, I have been regularly occupied in the discharge of my duties as Chaplain of the City Institutions at South Boston.

The number of convicts in the House of Correction is now much less than at the time of my last Report. This decrease is principally in the male department, and is probably due to the war, which has called off from the city many of that class of persons from which our prisons are filled.

Many of those to whom I minister are ignorant and depraved; I feel encouraged, however, to hope that the Word of God has found an entrance into some hearts, in which it will bear good fruit.

During the year I have baptised 7 infants; solemnized 7 Marriages, and attended 12 funerals.

JOSEPH H. CLINCH,  
*Chaplain of City Institutions, South Boston.*

*St. Luke's Church, Chelsea.*

THE REV. E. B. PALMER, Rector.

Baptisms, 17. Marriages, 2. Burials, 8. Confirmed, 4.  
 The number of Communicants and families regularly attending

and contributing to the support of the Services of the Sanctuary are almost too small to make any account of.

There is Missionary labor enough to be done in Chelsea to keep two or three efficient Missionaries at work all the time ; but their means of support must come either from their own private resources or the Missionary Board. There are two churches in Chelsea, St. Andrew's and St. Luke's. St. Andrew's has been closed and entirely suspended Services since last July ; and for any support to be derived from either or both Churches, St. Luke's might as well be closed also, and what has been the history of the parish in this respect, this year, has been its history from the beginning.

We recommend the Church in Chelsea to the Missionary Board. The present Rector resigns.

*St. Andrew's Church, Chelsea.*

In accordance with the Canon, the undersigned would respectfully report, that the Rev. Arthur Mason, late Rector of this Church resigned the charge of the same in the month of July last, since which time the Church has been closed and services suspended.

The number of baptisms as appears by the Parish Register, previous to his resignation is, (infants 2, adults 2,) 4. Both baptismal and funeral services have since been performed within this Parish by different Church clergymen, of which we have no record.

ERASTUS F. DANA, } Wardens of St. Andrew's  
GEARFIELD LEARNED, } Church in Chelsea.

**Essex County,**

*St. Peter's Church, Salem.*

THE REV. WM. RAWLINS PICKMAN, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 15, adults 3,) 18. Confirmed, 9. Communicants : last reported about, 250 ; lost by removal, 6 ; lost

by death, 4 ; added anew, 10 ; present number about 250. Marriages, 5. Sunday School Teachers, 23 ; Scholars, 140. Contributions : Without the Parish—Diocesan Missions, (including Eastern District Association,) \$236.40 ; General, \$102.42 ; Kenyon College, \$15.21 ; Bible Society, \$42 ; Widow of Bishop Griswold, \$27 ; General Theological Seminary, \$18.80 ; Rev. A. Crumell, \$20 ; Hospital stores, \$40 ; Widows and Orphans of Clergy, \$25.31 ; Sunday School Offerings : to Library of Christ's Church, St. Joseph, Mo., \$15 ; to Nashotah, \$18.70. Within the Parish : Christmas Tree, \$54.81 ; Sunday School towards Library, \$19.24 ; Books, postage, expressage, &c., \$13.98 ; Communion Alms and sundry Charities, \$330.88.

*Grace Church, Salem.*

REV. GEO. D. WILDES, Rector.

Baptisms, 11. Confirmed, 7. Communicants : added, 9 ; died or removed, 4 ; present number, 62. Marriages, 2. Burials, 10. Sunday School Scholars, 90 ; Teachers, 17. Collections, \$208. For purposes within the Parish, various sums have been raised, in amount largely exceeding the usual monthly collections. Sunday School Contributions for Missionary and other purposes, \$65.

The condition of Grace Church, is generally as reported last year. Notwithstanding the burdens which largely affect all our parishes in consequence of the pressure of the times, our people continue to manifest unabated interest in the welfare of this comparatively new church. Our Congregations are uniformly large, and every temporal need of the Parish is cheerfully met by their means and labors. Our desire is, for a larger measure of blessing from our God in spiritual things. In our annual confirmation, which is soon to take place, we hope to see many from the Congregation ready and willing to confess Christ before men.

In this connection, the Rector may be permitted to record the deep sense of affectionate remembrance, entertained by himself and his Parishioners, of the life and character of the late Rev.



Charles Mason, D. D. Although connected only with the Parish of St. Peter's, as its Rector, yet very many of the Congregation of Grace Church were connected with St. Peter's during Dr. Mason's ministry; and some of those of its Communion, among the seals of his faithful service. His memory will be ever cherished by us; and his often expressed interest in the new Parish of Grace Church be among our motives to labor faithfully and earnestly in a work, which entered among his own cherished plans of usefulness, while the Rector of St. Peter's, Salem.

*St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.*

THE REV. EDWIN B. CHASE, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 32, adults 1,) 33. Communicants: died, 2; removed, 1; added, 9; present number, 72. Confirmed, 8. Married, 1. Burials, 12. Sunday School: Catechists, 20; Librarians, 2; Scholars, 140; Total, 162. Contributions: Communion Alms, \$79.05; Foreign Missions, \$50.61; Domestic Missions, \$54.73; Sunday School Offerings to Bishop Seabury Mission, (Indian,) at Faribault, \$27.19; Nebraska Mission, \$1; Diocesan Missions, including the Eastern District Association, \$45.65; Special Offerings for Charitable and Parish purposes, \$79.55; Sewing Circle, \$148.28; Repairing church, \$227.46. Total, 713.52.

These statistics show that the Parish is outwardly strengthening and prospering. Notwithstanding the depressed state of business, from which Marblehead has especially suffered, the offerings of the Church are larger than those of the year preceding. The cost of the repairs made to the church, was generously defrayed by the Christian liberality of one of the parishioners.

The decease of Thomas Evans, Esq., for many years the faithful Senior Warden, is a severe bereavement to the Parish. Yet we believe that our loss is his gain, and we bow submissively to God's disposing. Mr. Evans bequeathed \$2000 to St. Michael's Church, to be invested for the benefit of the Parish, at the future and final division of the estate.

*St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.*

THE REV. WILLIAM HORTON, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 32, adults 1,) 33. Communicants about 160. Marriages, 7. Burials, 20. Sunday School Scholars, 123. Offerings: Communion, \$130.89; Charities, \$261.37; Missions: Domestic, \$81.02; Foreign, \$50; Sunday School, Africa, \$20; Domestic, \$10. Total, \$553.19.

*St. James's Church, Amesbury.*

THE REV. D. G. ESTES, D.D., Rector.

Baptisms, (adults 1, infants 17,) 18. Confirmed, 4. Communicants: added, 8; died or removed, 3; present number, 57. Marriages, 2. Burials, 3. Sunday School: Teachers, 10; Scholars, 50. Contributions; Communion Alms, \$31; Domestic Missions, \$10; Sunday School Library, \$14; Parochial purposes, \$70. Total, \$125.

*Christ Church, Andover.*

THE REV. BENJ. B. BABBITT, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 10, adults 1,) 11. Communicants: added, 13; died or removed, 17; present number about 120. Confirmed, 8. Marriages, 4. Burials, 10. Sunday Scholars, 130; Teachers, 17. Missionary Contributions: General Foreign Board, \$48.50; General Domestic Board, \$26; Massachusetts Board, for Eastern District Association, \$49.21. Other Contributions within the Parish: Payment of debt, \$790; Gift to Rector, \$125; Poor, \$97.18; Sunday School, \$44.75; Parish Library, \$29.82; Sundries, \$20. Without the Parish: Sailor's Aid Society, \$20; Society for Increase of Ministry, \$24.31; in aid of Faribault, \$45.13; Aged and Indigent Clergymen, \$17; Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, \$8; Nashotah, \$7; For Soldiers, \$7. Total, \$1858.80.

Of the above, the Communion Alms furnished \$280.22 ; Sunday School Easter Offering, \$33.02 ; Contributions, \$15 ; Ladies' Society, \$103.93.

Besides the above, the Ladies sent to the Army 86 Havelocks, and three boxes of miscellaneous articles for the Sanitary Commission.

The year has been one of considerable encouragement, and though not of such growth as appears much on the record, yet of no little advance, as apparent to one who knows the internal condition of the Parish. A small debt, which has been accumulating since 1850, has been removed very easily this year. The Sunday School continues thriving. The relation of the Rector and the Parish has been cemented by many acts of kindness on the part of the people, as well as by their hearty co-operation in the work of the Parish ; and future years promise even better than the past.

*St. Stephen's Church, Lynn.*

THE REV. EDWARD HYDE TRUE, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 23, adults 1,) 24. Confirmed, 2. Communicants : added, 14 ; lost by death, 1 ; removal, 4 ; present number, 74. Marriages, 3. Burials, 16. Sunday School : Librarian, 1 ; Teachers, 9 ; Scholars, 57. Contributions : Offertory, \$49.50 ; Ladies' Sewing Society, \$125 ; Monthly Collection for incidental expenses, \$56.07 ; by Sunday-School Children, \$7.95 ; most of which devoted to objects within the Parish. To objects without the Parish, \$5 contributed to Eastern District Missionary Association ; \$15.28 to Domestic Missions, Protestant Episcopal Church ; Total, \$258.80.

It is proper that I should state that, in a time of pecuniary embarrassment, a parishioner made the generous gift to the Vestry of \$200. Also, that \$220 was given by three members of the Parish towards the purchase of the organ procured from Christ Church, Cambridge, in November last. Sundry other minor contributions have been made, from time to time, by friends ;

e. g., blinds were put upon the Rectory, last summer, at the cost of \$50, etc.; so that the whole amount received by the Parish, in this way, amounts to the large sum of \$503.

During a portion of the summer and fall, I held services on Sunday evenings in the Town Hall of Saugus Centre. Good congregations were generally in attendance, and of the baptisms reported, six took place there. The amount of voluntary offerings for the season amounted to \$19.02. I purpose, God willing, to continue the work begun there, during the approaching summer. Besides the official acts reported above, I baptized two infants, on the occasion of my visiting my old Parish of St. Andrews, Northford, Conn., and one infant in St. John's Church, Providence, R. I.

As to St. Stephen's Parish, I am happy to say that, notwithstanding all those things that for the past year have had a tendency to enfeeble us, we are to-day in a better position, numerically, to say the least, than at the last Convention. We trust that, through the help of the Divine Master and Head of the Church, we shall be able to give a still better account of our work here for Him in future; and to His blessed name be all the praise and glory for the past temporal and spiritual gifts we have enjoyed.

*Grace Church, Lawrence.*

THE REV. GEO. PACKARD, Rector.

Baptisms, (adults 2, infants 57,) 59. Communicants: added, 18; died, 1; removed, 6; present number, 182. Confirmed, 15. Marriages, 12. Burials, 31. Sunday School: Superintendent, 1; Librarian, 1; Teachers, (Male 8, Female 17,) 25; Scholars, 192. Contributions: Offertory, \$158.97; Eastern District Missionary Association, \$42.40; Foreign Missions, \$28; Missionary Association for the West, \$22; Sunday-School Offerings, (education of a child in Africa, \$25; Library for a Sunday School in the West, \$10.00; Orphans' Home of Industry, Iowa, \$20,) \$55; Needy Churches and Ministers, \$120; Society for Relief of Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, \$25;

City Missionary, \$33.23; American Bible Society, \$24.12; Liquidating debt for alterations of Church, \$530. Total, \$1,013.71.

Although the last Conventional year has been a hard year to many Parishes, and particularly to those in manufacturing districts, it has been with us one of parochial growth and activity. Contributions have been increased,—not lessened. The Sunday School, under the care of an energetic and efficient superintendent and a corps of faithful teachers, has been larger and more interesting than at any previous time. Our congregations, on Sunday, though not what they should be, have increased, and all Church liabilities have been extinguished. We have reason for hearty thankfulness to the Head of the Church for what He has enabled us to accomplish during the past trying year.

*Trinity Church, Haverhill.*

THE REV. C. H. SEYMOUR, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 6, adults 2,) 8. Communicants: added, 4; died or removed, 10; present number, 50. Confirmed, 5. Marriages, 6. Burials, 14. Sunday Scholars, 62. Contributions: within Parish, \$105; without Parish, \$5.

The financial state of this Parish has suffered extremely from the sudden and total prostration of business in the town. Its numbers have also been greatly diminished by removals, and the enlistment of many of its members as soldiers. Notwithstanding many discouragements, interest and effort have in no degree declined. The Rector, in addition to his Parish ministrations, has held services on Sunday evenings at Groveland, in which he has been seconded and aided by his parishioners. With the revival of business this Parish will, beyond doubt, soon regain its former prosperous condition.

*Calvary Church, Danvers.*

THE REV. ROBERT F. CHASE, late Minister.

Baptisms, (adults 1, infants 14,) 15. Communicants: added, 12; died or removed, 2; present number, 50. Confirmed, 9.



Marriage, 1. Burials, 2. Sunday-School Scholars, 39. Contributions: Offertory, \$22.97; American Bible Society, \$1.75; Church Missionary Association of the Eastern District, \$17.97; Massachusetts Board, \$7.50; Foreign Missions, \$4.16; other contributions, \$3.80. Total, \$58.15.

The above statistics exhibit the condition of the Parish at the time of the resignation of the Missionary appointed by the Association of the Eastern District. It will need, for a while, assistance from the Missionary funds of the Diocese, but it is thought that the time cannot be far distant, when it will become a self-supporting Church.

The Missionary gratefully acknowledges his abiding appreciation of the kindness of the parishioners during his labors among them.

## Middlesex County.

### Christ Church, Cambridge.

THE REV. NICHOLAS HOPPIN, D.D., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 26, adult 1,) 27. Communicants: added, 28; died or removed, 27; present number, 215. Confirmed, 6. Marriages, 3. Burials, 8. Sunday School: Teachers, 10; Scholars, 103; average attendance, 50. Missionary Contributions: General Foreign, \$50; General Domestic, \$80; Diocesan, \$64. Other Contributions: Church Book Society, \$50; Nashotah Seminary, \$15; Communion Offerings, \$313.74; Objects within the Parish, \$247.40. Total, \$820.14.

During the last year a new organ has been placed in the Church, and an arrangement completed by which the full Chime of thirteen bells has been formally transferred to the possession of the Parish.

Having finished a century from its foundation, this Church and congregation of faithful people remain a witness for the truth of our dear Lord.

*St. Peter's Church, Cambridgeport.*

THE REV. WM. P. PAGE, Rector.

Baptisms, 8. Marriages, 3. Burials, 6. Communicants, about 60. Sunday School: Teachers, 17; Scholars, 85. Offertory, \$76.50.

*St. Anne's Church, Lowell.*

THE REV. THEODORE EDSON, D.D., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 98, adults 12,) 110. Communicants: added, 33; died or removed, 93; present number, 437. Confirmed, 29. Marriages, 14. Burials, 47. Sunday School Scholars and Teachers, 350. Missionary Contributions: General Board, \$76; Diocesan, \$244. Other contributions for religious purposes: within the Parish, \$434.32; without the Parish, \$134.07.

The disturbed condition of business, especially that of manufacturing cotton, has occasioned a great deal of want in our city, and sadly diminished the means of relieving it. The congregations generally have declined in numbers and ability, and ours has participated in the affliction. An effort has been made in St. Anne's Parish, with partial success, to supply garments, food, and work for the poor and suffering. From the beginning of the war, an extra service of prayer has been held every Friday, in behalf of the country.

*St. John's Church, Lowell.*

THE REV. C. W. HOMER, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 24, adults 12,) 36. Communicants: added, 53; died or removed, 15; present number, 138. Confirmed, 23. Marriages, 6. Burials, 17. Sunday Scholars, 100.

During the Advent season, and previously, as also during Lent, a third service on Sundays has been held, together with

four week-day services. The new church was so far completed as to be opened for Divine Service on the first Sunday of October, 1861. The attendance is always good, and gradually increasing, and there is "much every way" to encourage us.

*St. Mary's Church, Newton Lower Falls.*

THE REV. WINSLOW W. SEVER, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 9, adults 2,) 11. Communicants: added, 11; died, 3; present number, 134. Confirmed, 7. Marriages, 4. Burials, 9. Sunday School: Scholars, 130; Teachers, 17. Missionary Contributions: Foreign, \$26.71; Domestic, for Bishop Talbot, \$22.63; from Sunday School for Bishop Whipple's Indian Missions, \$15.58; Diocesan, Eastern District Missionary Association, \$35; Special, \$30. Other contributions for religious purposes within the Parish: Communion Alms, \$120.95; Lamps for Lecture Room, \$15.51; without the Parish, Tracts and Books for 2d Massachusetts Regiment, \$25; American Bible Society, \$25. Total, \$316.88.

*Grace Church, Newton Corner.*

THE REV. J. S. COPLEY GREENE, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants) 10. Communicants: died or removed, 8; added, 13; present number, 91. Confirmed, 5. Marriages, 3. Burials, 7. Sunday School: Scholars, 67; Teachers, 11. Contributions: Foreign Missions, \$39.48; Domestic Missions and Societies, \$35.89; Diocesan Missions and Societies, \$29.20; Communion Offerings and 1 Collection for Poor, \$82.07; towards Parish debts, \$437.88. Total, \$624.52.

Of this amount the Sunday School contributed \$59.11 towards the interest on the Land Debt. The debt on the Chapel Building, I rejoice to be able to say, was extinguished at Christmas. A very small part of the debt on the land has been paid. This is now \$1,401.18.



The diminution in the number of Sunday Scholars is owing, in a great measure, to the breaking up of a large adult class, the teacher of which has removed from the town.

*St. Paul's Church, Hopkinton.*

THE REV. ALFRED L. BAURY, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants) 3. Communicants : added, 5 ; died, 2 ; present number, 27. Burials, 3. Missionary Contributions, \$6. Alms for the poor, \$18.

This Church has been opened regularly for public worship, as in years past, from June to December, every alternate Sunday. The attendance on public worship is uniformly encouraging as to numbers. The Congregation apparently unite devoutly in the use of the liturgy, while the interest manifest in the word preached, inspires the hope that its saving truths are grafted inwardly in the heart, and are bringing forth the fruit of good living. A few persons have expressed to me their desire and readiness to be confirmed, whenever an opportunity shall be afforded of presenting themselves to the Bishop for that purpose.

I have recently made an arrangement, through the kind agency of a gentleman (unhappily not of the Church,) to embellish the glebe by bordering the entire extent of the same, with forest trees, at an expense, as stipulated, of one hundred dollars. I regret to add that the church suffered very much from a severe storm, which occurred during the month of March, last past, and that it will require a considerable outlay to cover the expense of repairing the injury, &c.; such will be met, as other extraordinary payments have been from time to time, by what may be realized by the sale of the standing wood remaining upon the glebe.

Two individuals who were interested in the prosperity of this Church, have departed this life since our last report to the Convention. Others of character and influence *have joined the Parish*, so that the Church may be regarded as in a state of progressive improvement.



*St. John's Church, Charlestown.*

THE REV. THOMAS R. LAMBERT, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 77, adults 9,) 86. Communicants, 290. Confirmed, 80. Marriages, 18. Burials, 27. Sunday Scholars, 251; Teachers, 36; with Superintendent and Assistant, Librarian and Assistant. Total, 291. Contributions: Massachusetts Missions, \$50; Breck Mission, offerings of Sunday School, \$50; African Mission, Rev. A. Crummell, \$27; Mission to Jews, \$17; St. Mary's Free Church for Sailors, \$30.60; Sunday School Library, \$44.14; Society for the Increase of the Ministry, \$17; Communion offerings, \$394.60; purposes within the Parish, \$590. Total, \$1220.34.

During the past year a new vestry has been erected on the site of the old one, at an expense of over \$500; and a commodious hall near the church, procured for the Sunday School. The musical department has been greatly improved by the inauguration of a new choir, which has heretofore been voluntary, for all of which we thank God and take courage.

*Grace Church, Medford.*

THE REV. GEO. A. STRONG, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 7, adults 3,) 10. Communicants: added, 16; removed, 8; present number, 45. Confirmed, 7. Burials, 4. Sunday School: Superintendent, 1; Teachers, 9; Scholars, 52. Contributions; Diocesan Missions, (Massachusetts Board, \$15; Eastern District Association, \$20,) \$35; Foreign Missions, \$10; Communion Offertory, \$146.13; Sunday School Collections, \$21; for the Soldiers, \$104; for the Widows and Orphans of the shipwrecked fishermen of Gloucester, \$16; for the payment of the debt, \$613; for purchase of organ, \$550; for other purposes within the Parish, \$124. Total, \$1619.13.

The report shows a painful disproportion between the collec-

tions for Charitable and Missionary objects, and those for parish purposes.

It is but justice to the Church to state that it has been making vigorous efforts to free itself from a hampering debt, which there were special reasons for wishing to cancel promptly. The larger part of the amount thus collected was raised by the Ladies of the Sewing Circle, who have been industriously occupied throughout the year. A similar Society has been lately organized for the benefit of the Soldiers, and is in effective operation.

The Sunday School, in the hands of an energetic Superintendent and faithful Teachers, has increased encouragingly in numbers, interest and activity. Of 52 names on the list, there has been an average attendance for the six months past of 45. One new library and one old one have been sent to destitute schools in the West, and our own library has been revised and enlarged.

The girls of the School meet each week to sew for the poor. The children are catechised monthly by the Superintendent, and from time to time by the Rector, publicly. Special services for the children have been held in the church, and sermons preached to them four times within the year.

The church is open for Evening Prayer with a lecture, during a part of the year, on Wednesdays; and the Rector meets the Teachers in Bible class every Friday evening in the month, except the last, when there is service in the lecture room, preparatory to the celebration of the Holy Communion.

A new organ has been purchased, the Lecture-room refitted, gas introduced, and other changes made.

The Parish has suffered severely in the loss by death of three of its most generous supporters, one of whom, Mr. George D. Porter, had been, for a long time, actively identified with its interests, as Warden and Superintendent of the School.

The Rector took charge of the church on the third Sunday in January of last year. Its condition was such,—having been for a year without a minister, that he preferred to make no report at the meeting of the last Convention. The present report may be considered, therefore, as covering the period of his connection with the Parish, although the statistics presented, refer mainly to the Conventional year.



*Christ Church, Waltham.*

THE REV. THOMAS F. FALES, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants,) 8. Communicants: added, 8; died or removed, 11; present number, 83. Confirmed, 1. Marriages, 4. Burials, 10. Sunday School: Teachers, 7; Scholars, 60. Missionary Contributions: Massachusetts Board, \$77.29; General Board, \$18; Other Contributions, \$205.36. Total, \$300.65.

Of the sum above reported, as contributed to the Massachusetts Board, \$55 have been paid through the Treasurer of the Eastern District Missionary Association, by the Ladies' Sewing Circle. They have also, with their accustomed zeal, contributed \$300 during the year to reduce the indebtedness of the Parish for the late enlargement of the church. The condition of this Parish has not materially changed since the last annual report.

*Trinity Church, Melrose.*

THE REV. WILLIAM H. MUNROE, Rector.

Baptisms, 14. Marriages, 1. Confirmed, 8. Burials, 6. Communicants: added, 3; removed, 9; present number, 65. Sunday School Scholars, 72; Teachers, 9; Bible Class, 1. Offering, \$63.26; Easter offering, \$115.

The Church at Melrose is in a prosperous condition. During the last year the Rector has established the Church at Malden, where a Parish is now regularly organized, with prospects of success.

*St. Paul's Church, Auburndale.*

THE REV. N. G. ALLEN, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants,) 3. Communicants: Dismissed and removed to other Parishes, 16; present number, 7. Marriages,

1. Burials, 3. With this report, ceases the Parish of St. Paul's.

Although its existence was brief, it is cause of gratitude, and may be interesting to the friends of the Redeemer, to realize that during the four and a half years, in which the Church was here represented, there have been admitted to the fold of Christ, by Baptism, 30 souls, some of whom are now in glory; 14 persons have been Confirmed, and are, we hope, adorning the doctrine of God our Saviour, by holy lives. And while most of the Parishioners have removed to other towns and States, the late Rector is gratified in the reflection, that they are active co-laborers in other fields.

The affairs of the Parish were brought to a close in April last, when the Rectorship was resigned.

*Emmanuel Church, Somerville.*

THE REV. N. G. ALLEN, Rector.

I entered upon the charge of this interesting field of labor, 20th of April.

As there was no hall, or public building in that section of the town, where we desired to locate our Mission, a single Churchman came forward, and fitted up a temporary place of worship, at an expense of \$300. The attendance is large, and we are already straitened for want of room.

And it is believed, that if Churchmen in the metropolis will refund the first outlay required in fitting up the chapel, the Rector will be sustained, without assistance from the Board of Missions.

*St. John's Church, Framingham.*

The Rectorship being vacant, the Wardens present the following report:

The Parish was duly organized in December, 1860, and the report is for the past seventeen months. In January, 1861, the



Rev. R. F. Putnam became Rector, and resigned the position in November of the same year. For six months this Parish has been without the regular ministrations of a settled Clergyman, which want will be supplied June 1, by the Rev. Reese F. Alsop, of Philadelphia. A convenient church is nearly completed, and many persons stand ready for Baptism and Confirmation. The prospects of this Parish are very encouraging.

Baptisms, (adults 3, infants 6,) 9. Communicants, 49; died or removed, 5; present number, 44. Confirmed, 20. Marriages, 3. Burials, 5. Sunday School: Teachers, 14; Scholars, 74. Missionary Contributions, \$10. For the Sunday School Library, which consists of 325 volumes, \$16. Contributions by the Sunday School, \$35.55. Communion Offertories, \$70; Monthly Offertories, \$539.98; Ladies Sewing Circle for Charitable purposes, \$30; whole amount of Contributions, \$701.53. Number of families in the Parish, 32.

JAMES W. BROWN, }  
ALEX. R. ESTY. } *Wardens.*

## Norfolk County,

### *Christ Church, Quincy.*

THE REV. HENRY BURROUGHS, JR., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants) 9. Communicants: added, 19; died or removed, 4; present number, 55. Confirmed, 19. Burials, 4. Sunday School: Teachers, 8; Scholars, 60. Contributed for religious purposes within the Parish, \$864.16.

### *St. Paul's Church, Dedham.*

THE REV. S. B. BABCOCK, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 6, adults 4,) 10. Communicants: added, 25; died or removed, 8; present number, 145. Confirmed, 19. Marriages, 4. Burials, 10. Sunday School Scholars, 85. Missionary Contributions: Diocesan, \$77.08; within the Parish, \$87.58; without the Parish, \$217.26. Total, \$381.92.

Our Sunday School is flourishing under the Superintendence of James Schouler, Esq., with Mr. McIntosh, Librarian, and an efficient corps of 14 Teachers. We have aided feeble parishes to the amount of \$60. American Bible Society, \$25. Margaret Coffin Prayer Book Society, \$25. Soldiers' Funds, \$25. Gloucester Widows and Orphans, \$25. The Ladies of the Parish and two Bible Classes have aided St. Stephen's Mission, and the Sunday School has contributed \$7.47 to Church Home for Orphans.

*St. James's Church, Roxbury.*

THE REV. GEORGE S. CONVERSE, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 55, adults 8,) 58. Communicants : added, 58 ; died or removed, 23 ; present number, 207. Confirmed, 26. Marriages, 5. Burials, 19. Sunday School : Superintendent, 1 ; Teachers, 29 ; Scholars, 269 ; Young Ladies' Bible Class, 12. Mission Sunday School : Superintendent, 1 ; Teachers, 15 ; Scholars, (men 17, women 21, children 61,) 99. Whole number of persons receiving religious instruction, 380. Missionary Contributions : General Domestic Missions, \$101.74 ; Diocesan Missions, (Massachusetts Board, \$57.08 ; Southern District Association, including Special for Hyde Park, \$92.22,) \$149.30 ; Foreign Missions, \$108.65 ; Sunday School, (annual, for support of a Scholar in Female Orphan Asylum, Cape Palmas, Africa, \$75 ; for Orphans Home of Industry, Iowa City, Iowa, \$25 ; for Prayer Books for the Soldiers, \$16 ; for Sunday School Library of Christ Church, Hyde Park, \$24,) \$140 ; American Bible Society, \$62.50. Other Contributions for religious purposes : Communion Offertory, \$360.44 ; for the Benevolent Society of the Parish, \$147.13 ; for the Soldiers, \$50.67 ; for the Sunday School, \$65.98 ; for Prayer Books and Tracts, \$28.05 ; for the Christmas Festival, \$66.84 ; for the Widows and Orphans of the Gloucester Fishermen, \$50 ; Total, (without the Parish, \$662.86 ; within the Parish, \$668.44,) \$1331.30.

In addition to these items, the "Helping Hand," a Society, composed of some of the young ladies of the Parish, has furnished

clothing to the families of three of our Western Missionaries, to the number of 209 garments, valued at \$240.

The "Benevolent Society," of which mention was made in the last Report, has steadily progressed in its work among the Church of England people in this city. During the year, 125 families have been regularly visited. The number now in charge of Visitors is 114. Of these families, 41 have received material aid to the value of \$139.01. Bibles, Prayer-Books and Tracts have been distributed as required.

On the 25th Sunday after Trinity, November 17, 1861, we opened an afternoon Mission Sunday School, in a small room in Ruggles street, near Tremont street, with 12 teachers and 42 scholars. The whole number now belonging to the school is 15 teachers and 207 scholars. Of the children, 108 attend the morning Sunday School in the church, leaving the number of scholars belonging solely to the Mission School, 99, as reported. The majority of the children are of Church of England parentage. The two adult classes, of 17 men and 21 women, seem to be particularly interested in the instruction which they receive, and we cannot but feel that in them we have the nucleus of a work which, with God's blessing, may accomplish great good. Several of these men and women were confirmed at the last visitation of the Bishop.

Arrangements have been made for the building of a hall for our Mission in a desirable location, which shall be leased to us at a reasonable rent, and we hope to occupy it in September. Many members of the Parish are greatly interested in the work which God seems so plainly to have assigned us. Those who have been engaged in it thus far have worked faithfully, and the Rector has every reason to feel that the Laity will not be found wanting either in contributions or in personal efforts to carry on the Mission.

The Sewing School has met weekly, with an average attendance of 61; the largest number present at any one time being 83, and the smallest, 28.

The "Employment Society," organized for the purpose of sup-



plying poor women with work, has given work to 31 women, to the amount of \$150.75.

The church is open for either Morning or Evening Prayer on Wednesdays and Fridays, during the greater portion of the year.

In Lent there was Evening Prayer daily, with a lecture on Wednesday evening. During Passion Week, the church was open also for Morning Prayer.

The Rector catechises the children of the Parish "openly in the church" on the third Sunday afternoon of every month, except July and August.

*St. John's Church, Jamaica Plain.*

THE REV. WILLIAM R. BABCOCK, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 15, adults 1,) 16. Marriages, 3. Burials, 12. Sunday School: Scholars, 75; Teachers, 12; Superintendent, 1. Contributions: Communion Alms, \$394.64; Foreign Missions, \$120; Domestic Missions, (General Board, \$55.68; American Church Missionary Society, \$100.50,) \$156.18; Diocesan Missions, \$150; Society for the Increase of the Ministry, \$175; American Bible Society, \$66; Sunday-School Collections, \$50; Evangelical Knowledge Society (for poor Sunday Schools), \$25; Missionary to the Jews, \$20; Books for Soldiers, \$26; For the Gloucester sufferers, \$68.18. Total, \$1,250; nearly all of which has been appropriated to objects outside of the Parish. Among the outlays within the Parish, during the past year, a new organ has been placed in the church, at an expense of \$2,500. There has been a steady, though not rapid, increase in the number of both communicants and worshippers. The unbroken harmony and steady advancement of the Parish, during a year of extraordinary agitation and embarrassment, call for devout thanksgivings to Him, "without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy."

*St. Mary's Church, Dorchester.*

THE REV. W. H. MILLS, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 11, adults 1,) 12. Confirmed, 3. Communicants: added, 14; died and removed, 5; present number, 103. Burials, 6. Sunday School: Scholars, 84; Teachers, with Superintendent and Librarian, 17; Total, 101. Missionary Offerings: Foreign Missions, \$270.76; Domestic Missions, \$170.06; Nashotah, \$35; Parish in Michigan, by Sunday School, \$44.32; Diocesan Missions, Massachusetts Board, \$30; Southern District Association, \$121.18; Total, \$671.32. Other Offerings: Within the Parish, Thanksgiving and offerings for Poor, \$167.03; Communion Alms, \$133.77; for Sunday-School Library, \$24.01; Easter Offering, \$279.57; for Incidental Expenses, \$139.49; Total, \$743.87. Without the Parish: Society for the Increase of the Ministry, \$26.00. Whole amount of Offerings, \$1,441.19.

Our income and our charitable offerings have largely increased. The mortgage debt has been decreased by nearly one half. A good number of Candidates for Confirmation await the Bishop's visitation. During the past year, the Church has gained valuable acquisitions from residents of this town, as well as by removals from other places. The attendance upon the services has been gratifying. A disposition to prize the Christian privileges, and a growing zeal to engage in Christian labor have been manifested. For so large a measure of the Divine blessing, we make our report with devout thankfulness.

*Christ Church, Hyde Park, Dorchester.*

THE REV. A. H. WASHBURN, Officiating Minister.

Missionary operations were commenced here more than three years ago, and since that time, services have been held every Lord's Day, without intermission. These were conducted by clerical aid procured from abroad, or by lay-readers, until Feb. 24, 1861, when the present minister made an engagement, for a limited time, and took up his residence on the ground. The fol-

lowing statistics are for the period of fourteen months, between that date and Easter, 1862. Burials, 6. Morning and Evening Prayer read 155 times. Sermons preached, 131.

The church was opened for services on July 21, 1861. The following statistics are for 9 months, from the latter date to Easter last. Baptisms, (infants 10, adults 2,) 12. Communicants, 27. Confirmed, 10. The Holy Communion administered 12 times. Offertory, \$510.12; of this for Missions (Diocesan), \$15. Sunday School: Teachers, 5; Scholars, 28. Present number of families, 34.

The advance made in regard to the increasing number of families and of worshippers, on both Sundays and Holy-days, and in regard to the organization and successful prosecution of Parochial work, has been steady and, hitherto, without interruption.

A building for worship has been erected, of singular church-like beauty and convenience, and furnished with an excellent organ, a bell, and all other necessary appurtenances, at a total cost of something more than \$6,000. Of this less than one tenth part remains to be paid. Very acceptable and useful pecuniary aid has been received from abroad, amounting to about \$1,200, which is thankfully acknowledged, with the prayer that a blessing may rest upon the givers, and attend the gifts.

*St. Paul's Church, Brookline.*

THE REV. JOHN S. STONE, D.D., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants) 10. Confirmed, 5. Communicants: added, uncertain; died or removed, 12; present number, about 110. Burials, 8. Sunday-School Pupils, about 100. Missionary Contributions: Foreign, \$286.07; Domestic, \$312.16; Diocesan, \$380. Other Contributions to religious objects: within the Parish, \$398.65; without the Parish, \$696.90.

The total amount of contributions from this Parish to religious objects, as will be seen by comparing the above report with that of 1861, shows a considerable falling off during the past year; a consequence, doubtless, of the amounts which have been con-

tributed by the parishioners to the relief of the sick, wounded, and other sufferers in our armies. The Report of 1861 gave \$3,463.85. The total for this year is \$2,073.78. The Sunday School of the Parish has been divided by the opening of a School in the District of Longwood; and as no report has been made from this branch, it is impossible to give the whole number of pupils with certainty. The religious condition of the Parish, it may be feared, has not been improved; though it is hoped that condition has not been seriously injured, by the influence of the war on the passions and interests of our people.

### Plymouth County.

*St. Andrew's Church, Hanover.*

THE REV. SAMUEL CUTLER, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants) 8. Communicants: added, 2; died 3; present number, 107. Confirmed, 2. Marriages, 2. Burials, 11. Sunday-School Scholars, 50. Missionary and other Contributions: For Foreign Missions, through the General Board, \$85; American Church Missionary Society, \$50; Southern District Missionary Association, \$25; Evangelical Knowledge Society, \$37.65, (of which \$12.65 is from the Sunday School for the gratuitous distribution of their publications); American Bible Society, \$25; Young Men's Christian Association for Soldiers, \$10; Rev. E. M. P. Wells, for his Mission, \$32; B. C. Clark, Esq., for Seamen's Mission, \$11; Widows and Orphans, \$20; American Tract Society, New York, \$31; Church at Hyde Park, \$7.00; For Tract Distribution, including 75 copies of the Parish Visitor, \$16; for Sunday-School Library and Christmas Festival, \$35.71. For sundry charites within the Parish, \$50.77; making the whole amount within the Parish, \$102.48; without the Parish, \$333.65.

The Rector has the pleasure of recording, as a most interesting item in the history of the Parish, the generous gift of \$1,000, from John Barstow, Esq., of Providence, R. I., the same to be

held in trust by the Wardens and Vestry, and the income to be appropriated to the support of Public Worship in St. Andrew's Church. May this "memorial to the memory of his venerated parents" be doubly blessed to the giver.

For more than twenty years has the present Rector of this Church occupied his position. At the beginning of his ministry, in November, 1841, there were registered the names of 45 Communicants. In the twenty years there have been added 156, and there have died or removed, 95. The Sacrament of Baptism has been administered to 88 adults, and 107 children. Confirmed, 126. Marriages, 59. Burials, 194.

About \$300 per annum, in addition to the salary of the Rector, and the incidental expenses of public worship, have been raised for missionary and kindred purposes.

There have also been expended in the cost of a Lecture Room, in 1846, — the building of the Parsonage, in 1849, — a new steeple and repairs upon the Church, in 1852, — a new bell and clock, in 1855, — repairs and alterations of the church, in 1857, and a new organ, in 1858, about \$5,600.

In consequence of deaths and removals, our average congregations are less than in former years. We pray that the things which remain may be strengthened, and that both minister and people, standing fast in the Lord, may live.

*Trinity Church, Bridgewater.*

[No Report.]

*Christ Church, Plymouth.*

[No Report.]



**Bristol County.***St. Thomas's Church, Taunton.*

THE REV. THOMAS H. VAIL, D.D., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 19, adults 1,) 20. Communicants : added, 15 ; died or removed, 8 ; present number, 259. Confirmed, 4. Marriages, 12. Burials, 24. Sunday Schools : Teachers, (in Parish Sunday School, 40 ; in Oakland Branch Sunday School, 9,) 49 ; Scholars, (in Parish Sunday School, 247 ; in Oakland Branch Sunday School, 70,) 317. Missionary and Charitable Contributions : Diocesan Missions, Massachusetts General Board, \$50 ; Southern District Association, \$75. Domestic Missions : General purposes, \$30 ; Special, in Iowa, \$300. Foreign Missions : General purposes, \$20 ; China, from Sunday School, \$20 ; Africa, from Sunday School, \$20 ; Society for Increase of the Ministry, \$20 ; Sunday-School purposes, (of this \$50 being an unsolicited Christmas gift from a friend and former resident of this town, now in Providence, R. I.,) \$125 ; American Bible Society, \$37 ; American Tract Society, \$20 ; Evangelical Knowledge Society, \$10 ; Army Hospitals, \$34.30 ; Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, \$10 ; Aged and Indigent Clergymen, \$10 ; Communion Alms, \$281.33 ; Total, \$1,062.63.

It will be seen from the Report that the ordinary contributions for religious purposes, outside of the Parish, are nearly as large as in any previous year, notwithstanding the general depressed condition of business affairs in our country ; and the fact is encouraging as an evidence that Christian principle is producing its appropriate fruits of liberality and self-denial. It is but just to add that the voluntary contributions of the parishioners for the relief of the families of volunteers, and for other charitable objects presented by the existing war in our land, have far exceeded the reported total of contributions for all other purposes.

*Grace Church, New Bedford.*


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 Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 22, adults 3,) 25. Communicants: added, 18; died or removed, 5; present number, 236. Confirmed, 8. Marriages, 6. Burials, 18. Sunday School: Scholars, 152; Officers, 5; Teachers, 21; Total, 178. Contributions: for Charities within the Parish, \$155.92; without, \$44.34; Total, \$200.26.

*Church of the Ascension, Fall River.*

THE REV. EMERY M. PORTER, Rector.

The following is presented as the annual report of this church. Baptisms, (infants 48, adults 1,) 49. Communicants: added, 8; died or removed, 8; present number, 112. Confirmed, 5. Marriages, 14. Burials, 28. Sunday Scholars, 240. Contributions for religious purposes: Communion Alms, \$33.98; Various objects within the Parish, chiefly from the Sunday School, and the Ladies' Social Circle, \$127.81; Total, \$161.79.

The Church in this place has peculiarly strong obstacles to contend with, owing mainly to the fact that the numerous manufacturing establishments here are in the interests of the denominations, — exerting an influence rather against the Church than for it. Still, under persevering and patient labor, with the Divine blessing, the Church has gained a firm footing, and is slowly, but surely, advancing in strength and influence.

*Christ Church, Swansea.*

THE REV. N. W. MUNROE, Rector.

There have been added to the number of our Communicants during the past year, by Baptism and Confirmation, 2; one of these adults having been confirmed by the Bishop of Rhode Island.

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I have officiated at two funerals, and performed, in church, one marriage ceremony.

The efforts made during the last year to establish another religious congregation in the village, with the avowed design on the part of some to weaken and break up, if possible, the Episcopal Church, most signally failed. The result, with the knowledge of facts in the history of past religious movements in this place, shows conclusively the Church planted, nurtured, and still in part sustained, by the Massachusetts Episcopal Board of Missions, to be the best adapted to the wants and tastes of this community. And yet we are a very feeble folk, not strong enough to make it an object to be otherwise than united as a people and Parish; although we grant that harmony in households does not always depend on the size of the family.

During the past year our pretty house of worship has been improved by a coat of paint on its exterior,—an exquisite piece of statuary has been placed by Mrs. Stevens at the entrance of the Cemetery, and a debt of some \$600 hanging over the church since its erection, but assumed by a few of the gentlemen of the Parish, has been recently disposed of by the Vestry, so as to prevent further annoyance.

*Grace Church, North Attleboro'.*

[No Report.]

### **Nantucket County.**

*St. Paul's Church, Nantucket.*

This Church has been without a Rector about two years and a half. Services have been held during the past year three or four Sundays, the Rev. F. C. Ewer, of New York, officiating. The present number of Communicants is 25. Died during the year, 2. Sunday School: Scholars, 40; Teachers, 8. Contributions for Sunday School, \$10.

We are unable as a Parish to sustain the services of the Church, even with the appropriation heretofore voted by the Board of



Missions, but trust the time is not far distant, when, by the aid of the Board of Missions, or of those who may be charitably disposed toward us, we may again be blessed with regular ministrations. All which is respectfully submitted.

ARTEMAS DAVIS, }  
CHAS. H. STARBUCK, } *Wardens.*

### **Worcester County.**

*St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville.*

THE REV. WM. GEO. HAWKINS, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 8, adults 1,) 9. Confirmed, 2. Communicants, about 50. Removals from the Parish, 8; removals into the Parish, 3. Marriages, 4. Burials, 3. Sunday School: Superintendent, 1; Teachers, 8; Scholars, about 60. The weekly prayer meeting held during a portion of the year is well attended. Contributions: For Sunday School, including papers, books, and Christmas Festival, \$26.50; Books and Tracts for soldiers, sent to the Rev. Dr. Butler, Washington, \$15; Articles sent to Hospital, Washington, for use of Massachusetts sick and wounded soldiers, 1st box, value \$35, 2d box, \$25, 3d box, \$50. Diocesan Missions: \$8.31; American Bible Society, \$6; American Church Missionary Society, \$3.27; Society for the Increase of the Ministry, \$5; Convention Fund, \$5; Money raised for Parish purposes by Ladies' Charitable Society, \$21; Poor Fund, \$15; Total, \$215.08.

The activity of the ladies of the Parish, has enabled us to send many articles of comfort and value to our soldiers, so bravely fighting to suppress the rebellion, and to secure to us and to all mankind, the invaluable blessing of American civilization. In the month of June a thunder storm occurred here, during which the lightning set fire to a building belonging to the Sutton Manufacturing Company, thereby slightly damaging a number of bales of manufactured cotton goods. Upon application by a committee of ladies, they generously gave one

bale containing one thousand yards or thereabouts. This has enabled them to manufacture many articles of comfort for the soldiers, for which they have received a handsome acknowledgment from one Regiment for articles received.

This, like many of our country parishes, has lost many of its young men, enlisted in the service of the United States. The manufacturing interests of the place being cotton, have suffered much, and this has diminished the aid usually received from the operatives. Our people, however, keep up a good courage, and are willing to do all in their power to maintain services the coming year, hoping for a brighter future.

With the Lord's blessing upon the faithful labors of Pastor and people, this vineyard of His planting, will yet bring forth fruit to His praise in the earth.

*All Saints' Church, Worcester.*

THE REV. E. W. HAGER, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 20, adults 2,) 22. Confirmed, 13. Burials, 5. Marriages, 11. Communicants: died or removed, 5; added by Confirmation and otherwise, 30; present number, 150. Sunday School: Teachers, 17; Scholars, 100. Communion Alms, \$108.07; Foreign Missions, \$20; Sunday School and Parish Library, \$63.55; Diocesan Missions, \$19.03; Bibles for Soldiers, \$25.58; Domestic Missions, \$8.03; Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, \$10.05; Society for the Increase of the Ministry, \$23.75. Income of the Parish, \$2500. Current expenses, \$2200.

This Parish takes pleasure in acknowledging a *second* donation of \$50 to the Sunday School, made by Mr. Seth Adams, Jr., of Providence, R. I. In accordance with the intimated wishes of the donor, the money has been expended in the purchase of books for the Sunday School, teaching the doctrines of the one Catholic and Apostolic Church.

The children of the Sunday School are catechised by the Rector once a month. The School is in a flourishing condition. Peace and unity are ours, and much to encourage for the future.

*Christ Church, Clappville.*

THE REV. J. HILL ROUSE, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 16, adults 2,) 18. Communicants: added, 8; died or removed, 6; present number about 44. Confirmed, 3. Marriages, 5. Burials, 18. Sunday School: Teachers, 5; Scholars, 40. Missionary Contributions: Diocesan Board, \$17.

Although there are some tokens of improvement at the present time, yet the Parish is still suffering very severely from the loss of two of the wealthiest and most liberal supporters. The removal from the village of two individuals, who, for years, have cheerfully paid, at least, two-fifths of all the expenses of the Parish, renders it now utterly impossible to sustain the Gospel, at any rate, for the present, without some aid from abroad.

*St. John's Church, Millville.*

THE REV. JOHN V. LEWIS, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 15, adults 4,) 19. Confirmed, 17. Communicants: added, 20; died or removed, 6; present number about 90. Marriages, 4. Burials, 3. Contributions, \$215.84.

In a Parish, the population of which is so migratory as this, it is almost impossible to keep an accurate list of Communicants. It may be proper also to state, that the contributions of the Parish have been in reality much larger than they were last year, but that a considerable sum which was raised for the Soldiers Aid Society, did not pass through the Rector's hands, and therefore cannot be reckoned in the general summary. It would be fair to rate the Contributions as at least \$300. The Manufacturing interests of the village have been blessed with unusual prosperity, and we have not "forgotten to distribute."

Of the present state of the Parish, the Rector hardly knows how to speak. There are lights and shadows, encouragements and discouragements, which would occupy too much space to notice. The Parish is now engaged in raising money to build a

chapel for the accommodation of the Sunday School, and for week-day services. An effort is to be made, however, to increase the fund sufficiently to build a parsonage instead of the chapel. Two acres of land are offered as a gift, for a glebe. It would be of incalculable value to the Parish to have such a glebe and house, placing it at once beyond the reach of the vicissitudes to which manufacturing villages are so liable. Will not some liberal Churchman lend us a helping hand?

During the season of Lent, a daily service and weekly Communion were sustained with admirable zeal by the congregation, and not without beneficial results. The Rector also lectured twice in each week in Lent, except Passion Week, in St. John's Church, Providence, at the request of its Rector.

*Grace Church, West Brookfield.*

[No Report.]

**Hampden County.**

*Christ Church, Springfield.*

THE REV. GEO. H. MCKNIGHT, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 8, adults 7,) 15. Communicants: added, 37; died or removed, 10; present number, 200. Confirmed, 19. Marriages, 13. Burials, 9. Sunday School: Teachers, 19; Scholars, 127. Communion Alms, \$273.78; Domestic Missions, \$85; Diocesan Missions, \$40; Society for the Increase of the Ministry, \$73, (\$23 of this amount was designated for Bishop Lee of Iowa); Jews, \$14.65; Bible Society, \$18; For the Sunday School, \$36; Society for Widows and Orphans, \$30; for the Soldiers, \$67.59; Ladies Sewing Society, \$180; Sunday School Offerings, \$55.47; Church Book Society, \$5; P. E. Tract Society, \$5; Church debt, \$10. Total, \$853.49.

*Grace Church, Chicopee.*

THE REV. W. B. COLBURN, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 8, adults 1,) 9. Communicants: added, 3; present number, 30. Confirmed, 2. Marriages, 1. Burials, 1. Sunday Scholars about 30.

This Parish had been vacant for more than a year before the present incumbent took charge of it. During that period, its beautiful church had been closed, except when opened at long intervals for an occasional service. As a natural consequence, the Congregation had become much scattered, but the friends of the church have rallied, and services are again well attended, the church being often nearly filled upon Sunday evenings. The regular services of the Church are of the utmost importance in this place, as affording the means of grace to a large number of Protestant foreigners engaged in manufacturing here, many of whom were born and educated within the pale of our Communion.

*Hampshire County.**St. John's Church, Northampton.*

THE REV. HENRY H. BEAN, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants,) 7. Communicants: added, 5; died or removed, 2; present number about 65. Confirmed, 1. Marriages, 2. Burials, 5. Sunday School: Scholars about the same as last reported; Rector's Bible Class, 12. Contributions to various purposes, \$254.25.

The present condition of the Parish is not particularly encouraging. Several families, during the past year, were lost to us by removal from town, and by death; but their places have been supplied by accessions from other quarters. The unsettled state of the country has, in some measure, affected our pecuniary resources, but it is a gratifying circumstance, that the Parish is now considered as free from debt. The ladies have been very

worthily engaged in providing garments for the poor, (about 40 garments have been given out,) in furnishing clothing for the soldiers, and in preparing articles for sale for the benefit of the Church. Hope is entertained that the Parish will increase in outward prosperity, and in greater spirituality.

### Franklin County.

#### *St. James's Church, Greenfield.*

THE REV. S. RUSSELL JONES, Rector.

The past year has been one pregnant with the consolations of present success, and hope for the future, on the one hand, and deep regret, and disappointment on the other.

Yet, thank God, sorrow not though any fault or neglect of ours, either lack of interest, or anxiety to carry on to completion, the work of our hearts.

The *Free Services*, so auspiciously established, were continued until about the 1st of January, with every token of increasing interest, on the part of the Congregation, and amid manifest workings of the Holy Spirit.

The Choir of about twenty-five, mostly men, were by the Rector advanced to great proficiency in execution. We were even able creditably to conduct a choral service. The average attendance was about one hundred and fifty, (until the war deprived us of about fifty of this Congregation,) while there was an occasional attendance of two hundred and twenty-five, at this 9 o'clock service. These persons had identified themselves with the Church; many had reformed their lives, and were looking forward to confirmation with anxious delight when, on account of dissatisfaction expressed, and the inconvenience of having a nine o'clock service in mid-winter, it was deemed advisable to suspend services for a time, hoping most of those who had attended the free service, would join with us in the regular services. In this, for various reasons, we were disappointed. It was resolved to re-

sume the services at Easter, but the opposition became so formidable, that it was deemed prudent not to insist upon having the use of the church for this service. We are now in hopes of soon procuring the use of a hall at a moderate rental. If successful, by the aid of a zealous Layman, R. E. Field, Esq., these services will be soon re-established. In other times I should have no hesitation in appealing to the Church at large, to aid those in our midst who are willing to do nobly, in erecting a free chapel.

Our regular services have also been well attended, and we trust much good has been accomplished, as will be evidenced by our report. We are glad to be able to say that our Lenten services were much better attended than ever before.

Number of families (attending the regular services 97, the free services 89,) 186. Baptisms, (adults 15, infants 23,) 38. Confirmed 22. Marriages, 15. Burials, 20. Communicants about 170. Sunday School: Teachers, 15; Scholars about 125. The Rector always opens the Sunday School, and catechises the children regularly on the evening of the first Sunday in the month. The Rector also has a Bible Class. Celebration of Divine Service: Sundays during the greater portion of the year, three times; Holy Days, once; during Lent regular services on Wednesdays and Fridays, usually with an extemporaneous address; during the Holy Week, daily service with an address. Contributions: Diocesan Missions, (through Central District Missionary Association,) \$10. Domestic Missions, \$12; Foreign Missions, \$10; within the Parish, \$90.20; support of the Church, \$1250. Total, \$1372.20.

*St. John's Church, Ashfield.*

[No Report.]

**Berkshire County.***St. Luke's Church, Lanesborough.*

THE REV. S. BRENTON SHAW, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 5, adults 4,) 9. Marriages, 2. Burials, (7 not of the Parish) 14. Confirmed, 2. Communicants, 60. Sunday Scholars and Bible Class, 60; Teachers, 5. Contributions: Diocesan Missions, \$8; Nashotah, \$5; For the Poor, \$10; Sunday School Reward and Text-Books, \$10.44; Sunday School Library, \$21.50; Communion Alms, \$20; Aid for Soldiers, \$120. Total, \$194.94.

Large contributions for various religious purposes have been made by members of this Parish, which are not included in this report.

The general condition of the Church is flourishing. The relations of Minister and people, and of the members to each other, are harmonious. The attendance upon public worship is large for the place, and the pews are all occupied.

Efforts are being made to procure an organ better adapted to our wants, which, although the times are unpropitious, it is hoped may succeed. Deaths and removals are unfavorable to the increase of the Communion, nevertheless, from time to time, there are those who are inclined to take up the Cross and follow Christ.

*St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield.*

[No Report.]

*St. James's Church, Great Barrington.*

THE REV. JOHN T. HUNTINGTON, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants,) 4. Communicants: present number about 100. Marriages, 4. Burials, 2. Sunday School Scholars, 50.



Contributions: without the Parish, Domestic Missions, \$20; Church in Freeport, \$10; Diocesan Missions, \$9.59; within the Parish, Parish Library, \$37; Sewing Society, \$500; Church debt, \$5458.45.

The present Rector entered upon his duties at Christmas, after the Parish had been vacant three months.

*Trinity Church, Vandeusenville.*

THE REV. J. A. PENNIMAN, Rector.

I took charge of Trinity Church, Vandeusenville, on the 16th of September, 1861, and have to report from that date to the present.

Baptisms, (infants 3, adults 5,) 8. Confirmed, 4. Communicants, 36. Marriages, 3. Burials, 9. Sunday School Scholars, 25. Contributions: Diocesan Missions, \$10.24; Foreign Missions, \$6.73; Domestic Missions, \$6.73; Communion Alms, \$14.48. Total, \$38.18.

The prosperity of this Parish requires a new house of worship, and the necessity is imperative.

*St. Andrew's Church, New Boston.*

[No Report.]

*St. Paul's Church, Otis.*

[No Report.]

*St. Paul's Church, Stockbridge.*

THE REV. S. P. PARKER, D.D., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants,) 1. Communicants: added, 4; died or removed, 3; present number, 67. Confirmed, 3. Burials, 6. Sunday-School Scholars, 60. Diocesan Missions, \$30; Foreign Missions, \$5; Domestic Missions, \$5; Poor Fund, \$65; Sol-



dier's Hospital, \$44; Offertory, exclusive of Special Collections, \$60; Offerings for embellishment of the church, \$87; Other Offerings for purposes within the Parish, \$77; Total, \$383.

This Parish, the past year, has had a growing struggle to maintain its efficiency, by reason of the diminution of the village, and the drafts made upon its members by the war. The Rector has continued the usual services throughout the year, to wit: the personal conducting of two separate Sunday Schools; the holding of three services, and the delivering of three sermons every Sunday; together with the services usual at the several Church seasons. The labor has been severe, but the opportunity of doing good was not to be omitted. He has an interesting class of adults attending his Bible Class, numbering between thirty and forty, in the neighboring village of South Lee, and has there a Sunday School. He has preached there, at a third service, three Sundays out of four, and the remaining Sunday at Glendale.

*Trinity Church, Lenox.*

THE REV. JUSTIN FIELD, Rector.

Baptisms, 3. Communicants: added, 3; removed, 8; present number, 35. Confirmed, 3. Married, 1. Buried, 4. Offerings: Foreign and Domestic Missions, \$23.62; Diocesan Missions, \$10; Convention Fund, \$6; Charitable and other objects within the Parish, \$192.44; Whole amount, \$282.06.

*St. George's Church, Lee.*

[No Report.]

*St. John's Church, North Adams.*

THE REV. WILLIAM TATLOCK, Rector.

Baptisms, (adults 8, infants 22,) 30. Confirmed, 11. Communicants: Number at last report, 40; added, 31; removed, 7; present number, 64. Sunday School: Teachers, 16; Scholars, 85;

Total, 103. Contributions: Domestic Missions, \$14.21; Foreign Missions, \$7.36; Diocesan Missions, \$10; For the Poor, the Sunday School, etc., etc., chiefly through the Offertory, \$134.81; Total, \$166.38.

The Parish has been prospered during the year, and has increased in numbers and interest. Services have been continued at South Adams on Sunday afternoons. The church was consecrated in October last. The Parish continues to be aided by the Board of Missions. The present Rector has resigned the charge of the Parish from July next.

### **Barnstable County.**

#### *Church of the Messiah, Wood's Hole.*

[No Report.]

#### *St. John's Church, Sandwich.*

[No Report.]

*To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts:*

I respectfully report that, since the last Convention, I have continued to be attached to the Boston Navy Yard. I have performed Divine Service and preached every Sunday, with the exception of three Sundays, when the chapel was necessarily closed, and have administered the Holy Communion on the first Sunday of every month. I have visited the Naval Hospital at Chelsea, for a great part of the year, three times a week, and more frequently when occasion has required. I have furnished with Bibles, tracts, etc., the vessels of war that have been fitted out at



this station, and have also distributed tracts, etc., at the Hospital. Owing to changes in the officers of the Navy Yard, the present number of Communicants is smaller than was reported at the last Convention.

Baptisms, 5. Communicants, 4. Burials, 18. Marriages, 1.

M. B. CHASE, *Chaplain U. S. Navy.*

*To the Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D.D., }  
Bishop of Massachusetts :*

In obedience to the requisitions of the Canon, I respectfully submit the following report :

Since the last Diocesan Convention, I have continued to "perform duty," under orders from the Navy Department, on board the U. S. ship Ohio, the "Receiving Ship" at the naval station in Charlestown. I have offered prayers and preached a sermon regularly, every Sunday morning, and rendered such services to the sailors, at other times, as I considered likely to be conducive to their temporal or spiritual welfare.

During the past year, I received from two or three personal friends the sum of sixty-eight dollars, "to purchase Prayer Books for the Navy." I also received from the "Margaret Coffin Prayer-Book Society," 105 Prayer Books; and from the "Episcopal Book Society," of Philadelphia, through the kindness of the Rev. Dr. Vaughan, 500 copies of the "Sailor's Prayer Book." By these means I have been enabled to provide a limited supply of Prayer Books for many of the U. S. vessels which have been sent to sea from this station.

As assistant to the Missionary of the "Episcopal City Mission," I have continued to officiate regularly every Sunday afternoon at St. Stephen's Chapel, and occasionally at other times. On week-days, at the daily service of Morning and Evening Prayer, I have given such aid to the Rector as to him seemed requisite. Under his direction, also, I have assisted him in visiting the families belonging to the Parish, "both them which be sick and them which be whole among them," and in ministering to the necessities of the poor, the destitute, and the afflicted, as opportunities have offered. The Baptisms, Funerals, and Mar-

riages performed by me will, of course, be included in the Report of the Rev. Dr. Wells.

Besides these stated services, I have officiated several times at the Navy-Yard Chapel, for my Reverend Brother, the Chaplain of the Yard; and, occasionally, for some of my Reverend Brethren, the Rectors of churches in Boston and its vicinity.

JOHN LEE WATSON, *Chaplain U. S. Navy.*

*Boston, May 21, 1862.*

*To the Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D.D., }*  
*Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts. }*

I have preached in behalf of the American Bible Society, during the past conventional year, in the following churches, viz :

*Massachusetts.* — Grace Church, Salem; St. Peter's Church, Salem; Christ Church, Springfield; St. James's Church, Roxbury; St. Andrew's Church, Hanover; Christ Church, Waltham; Christ Church, Boston; Grace Church, Lawrence; Trinity Church, Haverhill; Court House, Ipswich; Calvary Church, Danvers; Hall, North Hampton, N. H.; St. John's Church, Millville; Grace Church, New Bedford; St. Paul's Church, Dedham; Grace Church, Newton Corner; St. Mary's Church, Newton Lower Falls; All Saints' Church, Worcester; St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville; St. John's Church, Jamaica Plain; St. Paul's Church, Boston; Trinity Church, Boston; Emmanuel Church, Boston; St. Thomas's Church, Taunton; Grace Church, Boston; St. John's Church, East Boston; St. Paul's Church, Brookline; Church of the Messiah, Boston.

*Rhode Island.* — St. John's Church, Providence; Grace Church, Providence; Christ Church, Westerly.

*Connecticut.* — Christ Church, Stratford.

*New York.* — Church of the Ascension, New York; Church of the Holy Communion, New York; St. Thomas's Church, Ravenswood; St. George's Church, Astoria; Christ Church, Brooklyn; Christ Church Chapel, Brooklyn; Christ Church, Bay Ridge; St. Mark's Church, in the Bowry, New York; Church of the Epiphany, New York; St. George's Church, Flushing; St.

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James's Church, Newtown ; St. Peter's Church, Brooklyn ; Christ Church, Williamsburg ; Christ Church, New York ; Church of St. John the Evangelist, New York ; Christ Church, Manhasset.

*New Jersey.* — Trinity Church, Mount Holly ; St. Andrew's Church, Mount Holly ; St. Michael's Church, Trenton ; St. Paul's Church, Trenton.

*Pennsylvania.* — Church of the Atonement, St. Andrew's Church, and an Address before the Ladies' Bible Society, Philadelphia.

The past has been a year of unusual interest in the work of disseminating the Holy Scriptures. More than 650,000 volumes have been issued for the use of the Army and Navy. The promptness with which the Christian community has responded to our call, has furnished a fresh testimony to the confidence reposed in the Word of God, as an instrument of good to the Soldier and Sailor. The eagerness which they exhibit to obtain the Sacred Volume, the care which they manifest to have it always with them, and the passages marked in the copies found on the field of battle, show that we have not misjudged in placing God's Word in the hands of these young men. Both in the camp and in the Hospital, it has ministered sweet counsel to the Soldier in his thoughtful and solitary hours ; and it has been a solace and support to many on their dying beds. We have reason to thank God that we have been able to furnish so many of them with this precious Monitor and Guide. Under the Divine blessing, we may be sure that the fruits of our labors will live and flourish when the great Southern Rebellion shall have faded from the memory, and live only in the history of the past. Notwithstanding the great calamities, which have been laid upon our country the past year, the Society's work has been highly satisfactory, and nearly equal to that of more favored times. May God grant another year of equal prosperity.

EDMUND F. SLAFTER.

*To the Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D.D., }  
Bishop of Massachusetts :*

In making my annual Report, I have but a meagre account to give of Clerical services, since the last Convention. I have preached three times, read full service eighteen times, administered Holy Communion two times, buried two persons.

It has so happened, that neither of my sermons was preached in this Diocese, and part of the other services were in Vermont. Since the commencement of the present civil year, I have not been well enough for any public service, and the imperfect state of my health keeps me from attending the present sitting of the Convention.

BENJAMIN HALE.

*Newburyport, May 21, 1861.*

*To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts :*

I have to report another year of such impaired health, that I could exercise my ministry in only a few instances ; and then, in aiding my brethren of the Clergy, or in attentions to the sick and afflicted.

GEORGE C. SHEPARD.

*New Haven, Ct., May 19, 1862.*

*To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts :*

In compliance with the requisition of the Canon, I respectfully submit the following Report of Clerical duty performed by me, during the past year.

I have preached in several of the churches of Boston, and in others of the Diocese, on Sundays, and seven Sundays in the Diocese of Rhode Island. I have likewise officiated on other days, as often as my services have been required, and other Clerical engagements have not prevented my so doing.

I have administered the Holy Communion five times, and have assisted in its administration six times.

F. A. FOXCROFT.

*Roxbury, May 20, 1862.*

*To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts :*

The undersigned respectfully reports, that, besides attending to his regular duties as teacher of a young ladies' School in Boston, he has officiated and preached eighteen times, and attended one funeral.

D. G. HASKINS.

*To the Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D. D. }*  
*Bishop of Massachusetts :*

The undersigned would respectfully report that he resigned the charge of St. Andrew's Church, Chelsea, the first of July last, with great reluctance, and against the expressed wishes of the vestry and people. His resignation was occasioned solely by pecuniary difficulties in the Parish, entirely beyond his control, upon which he need not here enlarge. The following are the statistics of that portion of the Conventional year, during which he remained in charge. Baptisms, (infants 2, adults 2,) 4. Since his resignation he has resided in the Diocese of Connecticut, and has officiated in St. John's Church, Stamford, part of the time, and in the chapel of the Berkeley Divinity School, Middletown, and in various other places.

ARTHUR MASON.

*To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts :*

My resignation as Rector of Grace Church, New Bedford, went into effect on Easter Monday, and for an account of my ministrations during the Parochial year, I respectfully refer to the account to be rendered by that Parish to the Convention. Since Easter, I have been officiating in the city of Philadelphia or its vicinity.

J. P. TUSTIN.

*To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese :*

Having been without parochial charge, during the year, on account of continued ill health, I have to report at the present time only occasional duties, which have been performed in different Parishes.

Cambridge, May 21, 1862.

A. CROSWELL.



*To the Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D. D., }  
Bishop of Massachusetts. }*

The undersigned respectfully reports that up to November last, he continued Rector of St. John's Church, Ashfield, Franklin County. Since last Convention, there have been seven funerals, and two infant baptisms in this Parish. The amount of Contributions in the Church during this time, he cannot fully report, not having present access to the Register of the Parish. The sum of four dollars was contributed to the Board of Missions of the Diocese of Massachusetts. All regular Parochial services and duties have been continued in the Parish up to November 1st, 1861.

Since his resignation of the above charge, he has been officiating in and about Brooklyn, New York, supplying vacancies, and assisting Clerical brethren whenever so desired, and circumstances would permit. He is now in the neighborhood of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, in which city and locality he has officiated, (under the direction of Rev. Dr. Van Deusen, of St. Peter's Church, Pittsburg;) as a supply to vacant and destitute Parishes, since about the last of March, in the present year. Is not yet regularly settled in a Parish.

CHARLES H. GARDINER.

*May 9th, 1862.*

*To the Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D.D., }  
Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts : }*

For the last Conventional year the undersigned would report, that, since his resignation of his late charge, he has preached but twice in the Diocese, the state of his health requiring a change of climate. Hence, the latter part of last summer he went to Philadelphia, where he has discharged full duty every Sunday, except when illness prevented. During the year he has delivered seventy-five sermons and addresses, and officiated on as many different occasions. Of Baptisms, etc., the Report is properly given elsewhere. On the first of May he commences an engagement of four months with the Church of the Mediator, Philadelphia, during the absence of the Rector in Europe. He feels thankful

to a kind Providence that, with re-established health, he can re-dedicate himself to the Master's service, looking for His smile and blessing.

EDWARD COWLEY.

*Philadelphia, Penn., May 1, 1862.*

*To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts :*

The undersigned would respectfully report, that from the time of the meeting of the last Convention, to the first Sunday in November, he officiated in Southborough, as Rector of St. Mark's Church, at which time he resigned the Rectorship of that Parish. From that time to the Fourth Sunday after Easter, he officiated as Rector, *pro tem.*, of St. John's Church, in Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

J. R. PEIRCE.

*May 21, 1862.*

*To the Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese :*

As a Deacon, resident in your Diocese, I have the honor to make my annual Report, according to the provisions of the Canon. Since my Ordination, October 1, 1861, I have been connected, in an informal way, with the Rev. F. D. Huntington, D.D., Rector of Emmanuel Church, Boston, whom I have assisted in the Missionary work of his Parish, superintending his Mission Sunday School, and holding regular Evening Service for the benefit, chiefly, of the parents of the school children. During the time above mentioned, viz., since October 1, 1861, I have preached fifty times, baptized thirteen infants and children, and one adult, and buried two persons. Beyond these items I know of nothing further to communicate.

*Lowell, May 19, 1862.*

WM. R. HUNTINGTON.

*To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts :*

I was admitted to the Order of Deacons on the first of October last, and immediately entered upon the duties of Assistant to the late Rev. Charles Mason, D.D., in Grace Church, Boston. I continued to discharge said duties until Dr. Mason's death. Since that event the whole care of the Parish has, in a measure,

devolved upon me. In addition to occasional week-day services, I have read Prayers on a part, or the whole, of every Sunday since my ordination; have preached twenty-six times, performed the Burial Service at four funerals, and baptized one adult.

*Boston, May 20, 1862.*

SAMUEL S. SPEAR.

*To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts :*

During the last conventional year, the undersigned has officiated as follows: In Trinity Church, Melrose, one Sunday; Grace, Salem, two; St. John's, Jamaica Plain, three; St. Paul's, Newburyport, one; St. Mary's, Dorchester, one; at South Malden, one Sunday, two Sunday evenings, and on Christmas Eve; House of Reformation, Deer Island, two Sundays; House of Correction, South Boston, four; St. Matthew's, South Boston, one; St. Mark's, Boston, one; Christ, Boston, one; all in this State. In Christ Church, Gardiner, Maine, one Sunday.

During the same time he has baptized one infant, solemnized two marriages, and officiated at two funerals.

*Chelsea, May 21, 1862.*

WM. S. BARTLET.

*To the Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese :*

In compliance with the requirements of the Canon, I would respectfully report as follows :

From the date of my last Report until the thirtieth day of July, 1861, I continued serving as Chaplain of the Fifth Regiment of Massachusetts Volunteer Militia, in the army of the Potomac. On that day the Regiment returned to Boston, and was mustered out of the service of the United States. During the summer and autumn I was employed in supplying vacant Parishes with Sunday services. On the tenth day of December I was notified of my election as Chaplain of the Eighteenth Regiment of Massachusetts Volunteers, and on the twenty-ninth of the same month, joined the Regiment, then in camp at Hall's Hill, Virginia. From that time until May the first, of the present year, I continued with my Regiment in the performance of my duties, when, having occasion to leave Yorktown for a brief visit to Fortress Monroe, I was there taken sick. On the twenty-second of the month,

however, I was able to leave the hospital and return to my home in this city. I hope, in a few weeks, to regain my former health, and return to my duties.

During the past year I have said the Burial Service fifteen times over the remains of soldiers, some of whom fell in battle, and others by accidents and by disease. Religious services, averaging about two per week, have been held at irregular intervals, when opportunities for such services have been presented.

B. F. DECOSTA, *Chaplain 18th Reg't Mass. Vols.*  
Charlestown, Mass., June 4, 1862.

*To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts :*

The undersigned has officiated, to the extent of his ability, in assisting the Rector of St. Paul's Church, Brookline, and other brethren in Boston and its immediate vicinity.

THEODORE W. SNOW.

[The following Report was received too late to appear in its proper place.]

*Church of the Advent, Boston.*

THE REV. JAMES A. BOLLES, D.D., Rector.

THE REV. M. P. STICKNEY, Assistant.

Baptisms, (infants 35, adults 6,) 41. Communicants : added, 51 ; died, 7 ; present number, 484. Confirmed, 26. Marriages, 16. Burials, 33. Sunday School : Scholars, 132 ; Teachers, 20.

In consequence of the sickness of the Treasurer I am not able to state the particulars of our benevolent contributions. The whole amount of Offerings, for the ecclesiastical year, as in my Annual Report to the Parish, was \$9,448.92, of which about \$2,000 was for purposes "without the Parish." It is a gratifying fact, that the experience of the last year has fully demonstrated the practicability of "The Free-Church System." There has been an increased attendance upon the Daily Prayers, and the Holy Communion is now celebrated on all Sundays and Holy-days.



# Abstract of Parochial Reports.

MAY, 1862.

| Towns.      | Churches.       | Rectors.                | Baptisms. |         |        | Communicants. |                   |                 | Confirmed. | Marriages. | Burials. | Sunday Schools. | Contributions for religious purposes. |                 |
|-------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------|---------|--------|---------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------|------------|----------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
|             |                 |                         | Infants.  | Adults. | Total. | Added.        | Used, or removed. | Present Number. |            |            |          |                 | Without the Par.                      | Within the Par. |
| Andover     | St. James's     | D. G. Ester, D. D.      | 17        | 1       | 18     | 8             | 3                 | 57              | 4          | 2          | 3        | 50              | \$10 00                               | \$105 00        |
|             | Christ          | B. B. Babbitt           | 10        | 1       | 11     | 13            | 17                | 120             | 8          | 4          | 10       | 180             | 252 15                                | 1106 75         |
|             | St. John's      | T. B. Flower            | 2         | ...     | 2      | ...           | ...               | 40              | ...        | ...        | 7        | 20              | ...                                   | ...             |
|             | Grace*          | Vacant                  | ...       | ...     | ...    | ...           | ...               | 24              | ...        | ...        | ...      | 120             | ...                                   | ...             |
|             | St. Paul's      | Vacant                  | ...       | ...     | ...    | ...           | ...               | 16              | ...        | ...        | ...      | ...             | ...                                   | ...             |
|             | Trinity         | M. Eastburn, D. D.      | 18        | 1       | 19     | ...           | ...               | 370             | 7          | 8          | 18       | 184             | 4118 90                               | 1163 88         |
|             | Christ          | J. T. Burrill [D. D.]   | 37        | 1       | 38     | 2             | 15                | 67              | ...        | 26         | 28       | 80              | 98 17                                 | 280 88          |
|             | St. Paul's      | W. R. Nicholson         | 10        | 3       | 13     | ...           | ...               | 400             | 11         | 9          | 10       | 185             | 4086 00                               | 658 70          |
|             | Grace*          | S. S. Spear             | ...       | ...     | ...    | ...           | ...               | 209             | ...        | ...        | ...      | ...             | 1200 00                               | 542 25          |
|             | Messiah         | G. M. Randall, D. D.    | 25        | ...     | 25     | 48            | 47                | 848             | 11         | 8          | 15       | 326             | 3000 00                               | 7448 90         |
| Boston      | Advent          | J. A. Bolles, D. D.     | 25        | 6       | 31     | 51            | 9                 | 484             | 26         | 16         | 33       | 183             | 197 00                                | 1839 47         |
|             | St. Mark's      | M. P. Stickney          | 30        | 10      | 40     | 88            | 30                | 272             | 20         | 7          | 18       | ...             | 686 78                                | 1108 98         |
|             | Ecumenical      | C. F. Knight [D. D.]    | 28        | 15      | 43     | 70            | ...               | 250             | 57         | 5          | 16       | 90              | 1039 40                               | 578 56          |
|             | St. Stephen's   | F. D. Huntington        | ...       | ...     | ...    | ...           | ...               | 300             | 20         | 47         | 42       | 220             | 64 16                                 | ...             |
|             | St. Matthew's   | E. M. F. Wells, [D. D.] | 87        | ...     | 87     | ...           | ...               | 157             | 18         | 11         | 15       | 190             | ...                                   | ...             |
|             | St. John's      | J. I. T. Coolidge       | 29        | 3       | 32     | 80            | 20                | 175             | ...        | ...        | ...      | 125             | ...                                   | ...             |
|             | Seaman's Chapl. | H. McClory              | 45        | 5       | 50     | 25            | 1                 | 75              | 14         | 6          | 14       | ...             | ...                                   | ...             |
|             | St. Mary's      | J. T. Burrill           | ...       | 1       | 1      | ...           | ...               | ...             | ...        | ...        | ...      | ...             | ...                                   | ...             |
|             | Trinity*        | J. P. Robinson          | 25        | 3       | 28     | ...           | ...               | 93              | 9          | 15         | 25       | 49              | ...                                   | ...             |
|             | St. Paul's      | Vacant                  | ...       | ...     | ...    | ...           | ...               | 20              | ...        | ...        | ...      | ...             | ...                                   | ...             |
| Cambridge   | Christ          | J. S. Stone, D. D.      | 10        | ...     | 10     | ...           | ...               | 119             | 5          | ...        | ...      | 100             | 1675 18                               | 398 05          |
|             | St. Peter's     | N. Hoppin, D. D.        | 25        | 1       | 27     | 28            | 27                | 215             | 6          | 8          | 8        | 103             | 290 00                                | 560 14          |
|             | St. John's      | W. P. Page              | 8         | ...     | 8      | ...           | ...               | 80              | ...        | ...        | ...      | ...             | ...                                   | ...             |
|             | St. Luke's      | T. R. Lambert           | 77        | 9       | 86     | ...           | ...               | 290             | 30         | 18         | 27       | 251             | 191 60                                | 444 64          |
|             | St. Andrew's    | E. B. Palmer            | 17        | ...     | 17     | ...           | ...               | 51              | 4          | 2          | 3        | ...             | ...                                   | ...             |
|             | Grace           | Vacant                  | 2         | 2       | 4      | ...           | ...               | 59              | ...        | ...        | ...      | ...             | ...                                   | ...             |
|             | Christ          | W. B. Colburn           | 8         | 1       | 9      | 3             | ...               | 30              | 2          | 1          | 1        | 30              | ...                                   | ...             |
|             | Calvary         | J. H. Rouse             | 16        | 2       | 18     | 8             | 6                 | 44              | 3          | 6          | 18       | 40              | 17 00                                 | ...             |
|             | St. Paul's      | Vacant                  | 14        | 1       | 15     | 12            | 2                 | 50              | 9          | 1          | 2        | 40              | 35 18                                 | 23 07           |
|             | St. Mary's      | S. H. Babcock           | 6         | 4       | 10     | 25            | 8                 | 145             | 19         | 4          | 10       | 85              | 294 84                                | 87 58           |
| Concord     | Christ          | A. H. Mills             | 11        | 1       | 12     | 14            | 5                 | 108             | 3          | ...        | ...      | ...             | 897 32                                | 743 87          |
|             | Ascension       | W. H. Washburn          | 10        | 2       | 12     | ...           | ...               | 27              | 10         | ...        | ...      | 28              | 15 00                                 | 495 12          |
|             | St. John's      | E. M. Porter            | 48        | 1       | 49     | 8             | 112               | 5               | 14         | 28         | 249      | ...             | 161 80                                | ...             |
|             | St. James's     | Vacant                  | 3         | 6       | 9      | ...           | ...               | 6               | 44         | 20         | 8        | 5               | 40 00                                 | 121 52          |
|             | St. Andrew's    | J. T. Huntington        | 4         | ...     | 4      | ...           | ...               | 100             | ...        | 4          | 2        | 50              | 39 59                                 | 5995 45         |
|             | Trinity         | S. R. Jones             | 23        | 15      | 38     | ...           | ...               | 170             | ...        | ...        | ...      | ...             | 32 00                                 | 90 20           |
|             | St. Paul's      | C. Cutler               | 8         | ...     | 8      | 2             | 3                 | 107             | 2          | 2          | 11       | 50              | 338 05                                | 102 48          |
|             | St. Luke's      | S. H. Seymour           | 8         | 2       | 10     | 4             | 10                | 50              | 5          | 6          | 14       | 62              | 5 00                                  | 105 00          |
|             | Grace           | A. L. Saury             | 3         | ...     | 3      | 5             | 2                 | 27              | ...        | ...        | ...      | ...             | 18 00                                 | 6 00            |
|             | St. George's*   | S. B. Shaw              | 5         | 4       | 9      | ...           | ...               | 60              | 2          | 2          | 14       | 50              | 133 00                                | 62 00           |
| Dorchester  | Trinity         | G. Packard              | 67        | 2       | 69     | 18            | 7                 | 182             | 15         | 12         | 31       | 182             | 360 75                                | 687 97          |
|             | St. Anne's      | Vacant                  | ...       | ...     | ...    | ...           | ...               | 50              | ...        | ...        | ...      | ...             | ...                                   | ...             |
|             | St. John's      | J. Field                | 3         | ...     | 3      | 2             | 8                 | 35              | 3          | 1          | 4        | ...             | 39 62                                 | 102 44          |
|             | St. Stephen's   | T. Edson, D. D.         | 96        | 12      | 110    | 83            | 93                | 497             | 29         | 14         | 47       | 350             | 424 40                                | 434 22          |
|             | St. Michael's   | C. W. Homer             | 24        | 12      | 36     | 62            | 15                | 188             | 23         | 6          | 17       | 100             | ...                                   | ...             |
|             | Grace           | E. H. True              | 23        | 1       | 24     | 14            | 5                 | 74              | 2          | 3          | 16       | 57              | 20 28                                 | 228 52          |
|             | Trinity         | E. B. Chase             | 32        | 1       | 33     | 9             | 3                 | 72              | 3          | 1          | 12       | 140             | 178 58                                | 586 84          |
|             | St. Paul's      | G. A. Strong            | 7         | 3       | 10     | 16            | 8                 | 45              | 7          | ...        | 4        | 52              | 120 18                                | 1460 08         |
|             | St. John's      | W. H. Munroe            | 14        | ...     | 14     | 3             | 9                 | 65              | 6          | 1          | 6        | 72              | ...                                   | 178 28          |
|             | St. Paul's      | J. V. Lewis             | 15        | 4       | 19     | 20            | 6                 | 90              | 17         | 4          | 8        | ...             | 100 00                                | 115 84          |
| Hingham     | Grace           | Vacant                  | ...       | ...     | ...    | ...           | ...               | 2               | 25         | ...        | ...      | ...             | ...                                   | ...             |
|             | St. Andrew's*   | Vacant                  | 22        | 3       | 25     | 18            | 5                 | 236             | 8          | 6          | 18       | 152             | 44 34                                 | 155 92          |
|             | St. Paul's      | Vacant                  | ...       | ...     | ...    | ...           | ...               | 12              | ...        | ...        | ...      | ...             | ...                                   | ...             |
|             | St. Mary's      | W. Horton, D. D.        | 32        | 1       | 33     | ...           | ...               | 190             | ...        | 7          | 20       | 128             | 422 40                                | 130 90          |
|             | Grace           | W. H. Sever             | 9         | 2       | 11     | 11            | 3                 | 134             | 7          | 4          | 9        | 130             | 180 00                                | 136 46          |
|             | St. John's      | J. S. C. Greene         | 10        | ...     | 10     | 13            | 8                 | 91              | 5          | 3          | 7        | 67              | 104 57                                | 519 95          |
|             | St. Paul's      | W. Tatlock              | 22        | 8       | 30     | 31            | 7                 | 64              | 11         | ...        | ...      | ...             | 41 57                                 | 134 81          |
|             | St. Stephen's   | H. H. Bean              | 7         | ...     | 7      | 5             | 2                 | 65              | 1          | 2          | 6        | 50              | 100 00                                | 154 25          |
|             | Christ          | Vacant                  | ...       | ...     | ...    | ...           | ...               | 18              | ...        | ...        | ...      | ...             | ...                                   | ...             |
|             | St. James's     | Vacant                  | ...       | ...     | ...    | ...           | ...               | 129             | ...        | ...        | ...      | ...             | ...                                   | ...             |
| Methuen     | Christ          | Vacant                  | ...       | ...     | ...    | ...           | ...               | 27              | ...        | ...        | ...      | ...             | ...                                   | ...             |
|             | St. James's     | H. Burroughs            | 9         | ...     | 9      | 19            | 4                 | 55              | 19         | ...        | ...      | ...             | 60                                    | 864 15          |
|             | St. John's      | G. S. Converse          | 58        | 3       | 61     | 68            | 23                | 207             | 26         | 5          | 1        | 380             | 632 85                                | 698 44          |
|             | St. Peter's     | W. R. Babcock           | 15        | 1       | 16     | ...           | ...               | 140             | ...        | 3          | 12       | 75              | 855 82                                | 294 64          |
|             | Grace           | W. R. Pickman           | 15        | 3       | 18     | 10            | 10                | 250             | ...        | ...        | ...      | 140             | 500 84                                | 418 47          |
|             | Christ          | G. D. Wildes            | 11        | ...     | 11     | 9             | 4                 | 62              | 7          | 2          | 10       | 90              | 66 00                                 | 206 00          |
|             | St. Paul's      | G. H. McKnight          | 8         | 7       | 15     | 67            | 10                | 200             | 19         | 13         | 9        | 127             | 838 24                                | 555 20          |
|             | Christ          | S. P. Parker, D. D.     | 1         | ...     | 1      | 4             | 3                 | 67              | 3          | ...        | ...      | ...             | 84 00                                 | 290 00          |
|             | St. Thomas's    | N. W. Munroe            | ...       | 2       | 2      | ...           | ...               | 7               | 2          | 2          | 1        | ...             | ...                                   | ...             |
|             | Trinity         | T. H. Vall, D. D.       | 19        | 1       | 20     | 15            | 8                 | 259             | 4          | 12         | 24       | 317             | 650 30                                | 404 53          |
| New Bedford | Christ          | J. A. Fenniman          | 3         | 5       | 8      | ...           | ...               | 36              | 4          | 3          | 9        | 25              | 23 70                                 | 14 48           |
|             | St. John's      | T. F. Fales             | 8         | ...     | 8      | 8             | 11                | 53              | 1          | 4          | 10       | 60              | 95 30                                 | 206 36          |
|             | Messiah*        | W. G. Hawkins           | 8         | 1       | 9      | ...           | ...               | 50              | 2          | 4          | 3        | 60              | 152 58                                | 62 50           |
|             | All Saints*     | Vacant                  | ...       | ...     | ...    | ...           | ...               | 18              | ...        | ...        | ...      | ...             | ...                                   | ...             |
|             | St. George's    | G. W. Hager             | 30        | 2       | 32     | 30            | 5                 | 150             | 18         | 11         | 5        | 100             | 106 44                                | 171 65          |
|             | St. James's     | Vacant                  | ...       | ...     | ...    | ...           | ...               | 18              | ...        | ...        | ...      | ...             | ...                                   | ...             |
|             | St. John's      | Vacant                  | ...       | ...     | ...    | ...           | ...               | 18              | ...        | ...        | ...      | ...             | ...                                   | ...             |
|             | St. Paul's      | Vacant                  | ...       | ...     | ...    | ...           | ...               | 18              | ...        | ...        | ...      | ...             | ...                                   | ...             |
|             | St. Stephen's   | Vacant                  | ...       | ...     | ...    | ...           | ...               | 18              | ...        | ...        | ...      | ...             | ...                                   | ...             |
|             | St. Thomas's    | Vacant                  | ...       | ...     | ...    | ...           | ...               | 18              | ...        | ...        | ...      | ...             | ...                                   | ...             |

\* No Report.

† Number last reported.

## Appendix.

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**B. C. CLARK,**  
*Treasurer Board of Missions to Seamen.*

**Boston, May 1, 1862.**

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Dr. CLERICAL FUND ASSOCIATION in account with J. W. CLARK, Treasurer.

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|          |                                                 |         |           |                                                  |                |
|----------|-------------------------------------------------|---------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| 1857.    | To amt. pd. Rev. J. H. Clinch, for Mrs. Wilson, | \$50 00 | 1857.     | By amt. as per report rendered,.....             | \$100 23       |
| Feb'y. 7 |                                                 |         | Jan'y. 29 | " Saints', Worcester,.....                       | 17 58          |
| 1859.    |                                                 |         | " 28      | " " additional,.....                             | 1 00           |
| Nov. 22  | " Rev. Wm. Withington,.....                     | 50 00   | Feb'y. 7  | " St. Paul's, Boston,.....                       | 100 00         |
| 1860.    |                                                 |         | May 5     | " (Source unknown,).....                         | 18 00          |
| Apr. 16  | " Rev. J. S. Townsend,.....                     | 50 00   | Nov. 5    |                                                  |                |
| " "      | " Rev. Wm. Withington,.....                     | 25 00   | 1858.     |                                                  |                |
| 1861.    |                                                 |         | Augt. 3   | " St. Paul's, Boston,.....                       | 50 00          |
| May 18   | " Rev. J. H. Clinch, for Printing,....          | 3 62    | 1860.     |                                                  |                |
| Oct 8    | \$250 U.S. 7-10 T'y. Notes, bot. par and        | 253 50  | Mch. 3    | " Grace, ".....                                  | 30 00          |
| " 22     | int. from Aug. 19,.....                         | 506 40  | Apr. 27   | " St. Paul's, ".....                             | 50 00          |
| Nov. 26  | " \$500 ".....                                  | 50 00   | May 1     | " St. Thomas's, Taunton,.....                    | 15 00          |
|          | Pd. Dr. Randall for Rev. Wm. Withington,...     | 32 84   | 1861.     |                                                  |                |
|          | Balance,.....                                   |         | May 5     | " St. Thomas's, Taunton,.....                    | 10 00          |
|          |                                                 |         | " "       | " Grace, Boston,.....                            | 20 00          |
|          |                                                 |         | June 5    | " St. John's, Ashfield,.....                     | 2 00           |
|          |                                                 |         | " 18      | " St. Paul's, Brookline,.....                    | 20 00          |
|          |                                                 |         | Oct. 22   | " Legacy recd. under Will of late Deacon         | 500 00         |
|          |                                                 |         |           | Moses Grant,.....                                | 5 00           |
|          |                                                 |         | Nov. 4    | " St. John's, Jamaica Plain,.....                | 5 00           |
|          |                                                 |         | " 7       | " Rev. F. D. Huntington, D.D.,.....              | 5 00           |
|          |                                                 |         | Dec. 1    | " \$50 7-10 T'y. Note sold par and int..         | 51 00          |
|          |                                                 |         | 1862.     |                                                  |                |
|          |                                                 |         | Feb'y. 19 | " 6 mo. int. to date on \$700 U.S. 7-3-10 notes, | 25 55          |
|          |                                                 |         |           |                                                  | 1020 36        |
|          |                                                 |         |           |                                                  | <u>1020 36</u> |
|          |                                                 |         |           |                                                  | \$32 84        |

\$700 U. S. 7 & 10 Treasury Notes, invested funds of the Association.

N. H.

BOSTON, MAY 20, 1862.



**DR. SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF WIDOWS AND ORPH**

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The undersigned, as auditors, have examined the foregoing account, and find the correctly cast and properly vouched. They have also seen the evidences of the invested

Boston, May, 1862. ISAAC EMERY,

ISAAC EMERY,  
FRED. H. STIMPSON

an account with ALFRED L. BAURY, Treasurer.

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|         |                                                             | Charity Fund. | Annuity Fund. |
|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1861.   |                                                             |               |               |
| May 7   | By balance on hand of Charity Fund, - - - - -               | \$468 28      |               |
| "       | " amount from St. Thomas's Church, Taunton, - - - - -       |               | 10 00         |
| "       | " from Calvary Church, Danvers, - - - - -                   | 2 00          |               |
| "       | " from Offertory Convention day, - - - - -                  | 39 88         |               |
| 17      | " from St. Paul's Church, Boston, - - - - -                 |               | 25 00         |
| 24      | " of coupon in Bath bonds, due 1st, - - - - -               |               | 30 00         |
| July 8  | " of dividend Great Falls Manfg. Co., - - - - -             | 30 00         |               |
| 12      | " from Christ Church, Andover, - - - - -                    |               | 10 00         |
| 23      | " of coupon City of Boston bond, - - - - -                  |               | 25 00         |
| Aug. 15 | " from Christ Church, Andover, - - - - -                    | 4 30          |               |
| 7       | " from St. James's Church, Gt. Barrington, - - - - -        | 20 00         |               |
| Oct. 12 | " of dividends from Banks, - - - - -                        |               | 289 00        |
| Nov. 1  | " coupon City of Bath bonds, - - - - -                      |               | 30 00         |
| 1862.   |                                                             |               |               |
| Jan. 2  | " coupon U. S. 6 bonds, - - - - -                           |               | 30 00         |
| "       | " coupon City of Boston, - - - - -                          |               | 25 00         |
| "       | " dividend Great Falls Manfg. Co., - - - - -                | 40 00         |               |
| 24      | " annual subscription E. A. Renouf, - - - - -               | 2 00          |               |
| April 9 | " from Grace Church, Newton Corner, - - - - -               | 8 82          |               |
| "       | " from St. Anne's Church, Lowell, - - - - -                 |               | 25 00         |
| "       | " All Saints' Church, Worcester, - - - - -                  | 10 06         |               |
| 7       | " dividends on Bank Stock, - - - - -                        |               | 161 00        |
| 8       | " from St. Andrew's Church, Hanover, - - - - -              |               | 20 00         |
| "       | " coupon on U. S. 7 3-10 Loan, - - - - -                    | 21 90         |               |
| 21      | " from St. Matthew's Church, South Boston, - - - - -        | 13 15         |               |
| "       | " from Church of the Messiah, - - - - -                     |               | 25 00         |
| 29      | " from Christ Church, Springfield, - - - - -                | 30 00         |               |
| 30      | " from Grace Church, Lawrence, - - - - -                    |               | 25 00         |
| May 2   | " from Rev. N. J. Parvin, Phil., - - - - -                  |               | 10 00         |
| 5       | " from Christ Church, Waltham, - - - - -                    |               | 25 00         |
| 6       | " from E. M. P. Wells, - - - - -                            | 5 00          |               |
| 14      | " from Church of the Advent, Rev. Dr. Bolles, - - - - -     |               | 25 00         |
| "       | " from Church of the Advent, Rev. M. P. Stickney, - - - - - |               | 10 00         |
| "       | " from Church of the Advent, Charity Fund, - - - - -        | 28 00         |               |
|         |                                                             | \$721 28      | \$750 00      |

Boston, May 20, 1862.

(Errors excepted.)

ALFRED L. BAURY, Treasurer.

**Dr. CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF MASSACHUSETTS**

|         |                                                     |          |
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| 1862.   |                                                     |          |
| May 22. | Rev. Samuel B. Shaw, travel, .....                  | \$10 00  |
| "       | Rev. J. A. Penniman, travel, .....                  | 10 00    |
| "       | Rev. Wm. G. Hawkins, travel, .....                  | 4 00     |
| "       | Rev. Wm. B. Colburn, travel, .....                  | 3 00     |
| "       | Rev. N. W. Munroe, travel, .....                    | 2 00     |
| "       | Mr. Richard Dillon, attendance on Convention, ..... | 7 50     |
| "       | Secretary's Bill, .....                             | 36 80    |
| "       | Treasurer's Bill, .....                             | 25 00    |
| "       | Envelopes and Stamps, .....                         | 2 00     |
|         | Cash on hand at date, .....                         | 516 29   |
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|         |                                                     | \$617 50 |

**IN ARREARS.**

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| St. James's Church, Amesbury.          | St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.       |
| St. John's Church, East Boston.        | Grace Church, New Bedford.              |
| Grace Church, Chicopee.                | Trinity Church, Melrose.                |
| St. Luke's Church, Chelsea.            | St. John's Church, Northampton.         |
| St. Andrew's Church, Chelsea.          | St. John's Church, North Adams.         |
| Christ Church, Clappville.             | St. Paul's Church, Otis.                |
| St. James's Church, Great Barrington.  | St. Stephen's Ch'ch, Pittsfield, 3 yrs. |
| St. James's Church, Greenfield, 3 yrs. | Christ Church, Springfield.             |
| Trinity Church, Haverhill.             | St. Thomas's Church, Taunton.           |
| St. George's Church, Lee.              |                                         |

This year we have to pay the assessment of General Convention, which, with other bills due, will require all our available, and some of our *unavailable* resources.



# **MISSIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED BY THE TREAS**

| From whom received.            | Diocesan.        | Domestic.      | Foreign.       | Special.       |
|--------------------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Balance from last year, - -    | 44 06            |                |                |                |
| Andover — Christ Church, -     | 40 44            | 25 00          | 47 00          |                |
| Ashfield — St. John's, - -     | 4 00             |                |                |                |
| Amesbury — St. James's, - -    |                  | 10 00          |                |                |
| Boston — Advent, - - -         | 13 50            |                | 5 00           |                |
| " — Christ, - - -              | 34 48            |                |                |                |
| " — Emmanuel, - - -            | 215 00           |                |                | 45 00          |
| " — Grace, - - -               | 135 00           | 85 00          | 160 00         |                |
| " — St. John's, - - -          |                  |                |                |                |
| " — St. Matthew's, - -         | 15 00            | 18 50          | 18 50          |                |
| " — Messiah, - - -             | 93 59            |                |                | 10 00          |
| " — St. Mark's, - - -          | 50 00            |                |                |                |
| " — St. Paul's, - - -          | 680 78           | 415 00         | 1096 98        | 1425 93        |
| " — St. Stephen's, - -         |                  |                |                |                |
| " — Trinity, - - -             | 401 34           | 320 35         | 2 50           | 3 00           |
| Bridgewater — Trinity, - -     |                  |                |                |                |
| Brookline — St. Paul's, - -    | 125 00           |                |                |                |
| Chicopee — Grace, - - -        | 8 00             |                |                |                |
| Cambridge — Christ, - - -      | 24 00            | 80 00          | 50 00          | 75 00          |
| Cambridgeport — St. Peter's,   |                  |                |                |                |
| Charlestown — St. John's, -    | 50 00            |                |                |                |
| Chelsea — St. Luke's, - -      |                  |                |                |                |
| " — St. Andrew's, - - -        |                  |                |                |                |
| Clappville — Christ, - - -     | 16 72            |                |                |                |
| Dedham — St. Paul's, - - -     | 50 00            |                |                |                |
| Danvers — Calvary, - - -       | 16 00            |                |                |                |
| Dorchester — St. Mary's, -     | 120 00           |                |                |                |
| Fall River — Ascension, -      |                  |                |                |                |
| Framingham — St. John's,       | 10 00            |                |                |                |
| Great Barrington — St. James's | 84 60            |                |                |                |
| Greenfield — St. James's, -    |                  |                |                |                |
| Haverhill — Trinity, - - -     |                  |                |                |                |
| Hanover — St. Andrew's, - -    | 25 00            |                | 85 00          |                |
| Hopkinton — St. Paul's, - -    |                  | 4 00           |                |                |
| Jamaica Plain — St. John's,    | 175 00           | 156 18         | 95 00          | 25 00          |
| Lanesboro' — St. Luke's, - -   | 8 00             |                |                |                |
| Lawrence — Grace, - - -        | 42 40            |                |                |                |
| Lenox — Trinity, - - -         | 10 00            |                |                |                |
| Lowell — St. Anne's, - - -     | 140 00           |                |                |                |
| " — St. John's, - - -          |                  |                |                |                |
| Lee, — St. George's, - - -     | 5 00             |                |                |                |
| Lynn — St. Stephen's, - - -    |                  |                |                |                |
| Marblehead — St. Michael's,    | 40 15            |                |                |                |
| Medford — Grace, - - -         | 15 00            |                |                |                |
| Millville — St. John's, - -    | 32 00            |                |                |                |
| Melrose — Trinity, - - -       |                  |                |                |                |
| Nantucket — St. Paul's, - -    |                  |                |                |                |
| Newton Corner — Grace, - -     | 65 89            |                |                |                |
| Newburyport — St. Paul's,      |                  | 50 00          | 50 00          |                |
| New Bedford — Grace, - - -     | 31 36            |                |                |                |
| New Boston — St. Andrew's,     |                  |                |                |                |
| Newton L. Falls — St. Mary's,  | 35 00            | 38 21          | 26 71          |                |
| Northampton — St. John's,      | 9 00             |                |                |                |
| North Adams — St. John's,      | 10 00            |                |                |                |
| Otis — St. Paul's, - - -       |                  |                |                |                |
| Pawtucket — Trinity, - - -     |                  |                |                |                |
| Plymouth — Christ, - - -       |                  |                |                |                |
| Pittsfield — St. Stephen's,    |                  |                |                |                |
| Quincy — Christ, - - -         |                  |                |                |                |
| Roxbury — St. James's, - -     | 57 08            |                |                |                |
| Salem — St. Peter's, - - -     | 148 94           |                |                |                |
| " — Grace, - - -               | 17 00            |                |                |                |
| Springfield — Christ, - - -    | 38 00            |                |                |                |
| Stockbridge — St. Paul's, -    | 22 59            | 10 00          |                |                |
| Swansea — Christ, - - -        | 5 00             |                |                |                |
| Taunton — St. Thomas's,        | 135 00           | 30 00          | 60 00          |                |
| Van Deusenville — Trinity,     | 20 01            |                |                |                |
| Walham — Christ, - - -         | 49 50            | 3 00           | 20 00          |                |
| Wilkinsonville — St. John's,   | 8 31             |                |                |                |
| Wood's Hole — Messiah, - -     | 5 30             | 1 50           | 1 50           |                |
| Worcester — All Saints', - -   | 10 21            |                |                |                |
| Individual Donations - - -     | 346 00           | 120 75         | 52 00          | 5 00           |
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**Dr. MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF MISSIONS, in account with JAMES B. DOW, Treasurer. Cr.**

|                    |                                                         |          |                   |                                                                   |         |
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| 1862.<br>May<br>21 | To Cash paid to the Rectors of the following Churches:— |          | 1862<br>May<br>21 | By Balance, last year, brought forward....                        | \$44 06 |
|                    | Calvary, Danvers.....                                   | \$125 00 |                   | By Cash received, subject to the appropriation of the Board ..... | 2044 19 |
|                    | Messiah, Wood's Hole.....                               | 200 00   |                   | By Cash received, for Eastern District Association.....           | 818 59  |
|                    | Trinity, Van Deusenville.....                           | 150 00   |                   | By Cash received, for Southern District Association.....          | 726 36  |
|                    | St. George's, Lee.....                                  | 150 00   |                   |                                                                   |         |
|                    | St. Paul's, Stockbridge.....                            | 150 00   |                   |                                                                   |         |
|                    | St. John's, North Adams.....                            | 300 00   |                   |                                                                   |         |
|                    | St. John's, Lowell.....                                 | 300 00   |                   |                                                                   |         |
|                    | St. John's, East Boston.....                            | 200 00   |                   |                                                                   |         |
|                    | Christ, Swansea.....                                    | 200 00   |                   |                                                                   |         |
|                    | Christ, Clappville.....                                 | 100 00   |                   |                                                                   |         |
|                    | St. Stephen's, Lynn.....                                | 100 00   |                   |                                                                   |         |
|                    | Grace, Chicopee.....                                    | 116 67   |                   |                                                                   |         |
|                    | Rev. G. M. Randall, Treas. S Dis. Asso.                 | 726 36   |                   |                                                                   |         |
|                    | Rev. B. B. Babbitt, Treas. E. Dis. Asso.                | 818 59   |                   |                                                                   |         |
|                    | Rev. F. Foxcroft, Expenses to Nantucket,                | 14 00    |                   |                                                                   |         |
|                    | Rev. E. F. Watson, Expenses to Otis,..                  | 10 22    |                   |                                                                   |         |
|                    | Incidental Expenses,.....                               | 24 34    |                   |                                                                   |         |
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*Boston, May 21, 1863.*

Examined, and found to be properly vouched, and correctly cast.  
**W. R. BARCOCK.**  
**BENJ. P. RICHARDSON.**



**Constitution**  
**OF THE**  
**PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**IN THE**  
**DIOCESE OF MASSACHUSETTS,**  
**AS AMENDED**  
**IN CONVENTION, JUNE, 1841, 1846, MAY, 1852, JANUARY, 1856**  
**AND MAY, 1859.**

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**ARTICLE I.**

**THIS Church, as a constituent part of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, accedes to the General Constitution of that Church, and acknowledges its authority.**

**ARTICLE II.**

**There shall be a stated Convention of the Church in this Diocese, at Boston, on the second Wednesday in June, in every year, unless a different time and place be fixed on by a preceding Convention. Special meetings of the Convention shall be called by the Bishop, when, in his judgment, the good of the Church may require it, or when the Standing Committee shall request it. And when the Episcopal Chair is vacant, the Standing Committee shall have power to call such Convention. Provided, always, that no business shall be done at any special Convention, other than is specified in the notice calling such Convention.**

**ARTICLE III.**

**The Convention shall be composed of Clergymen and Laymen.**

**The Bishop and the assistant Bishop, when there is one, shall have a seat and a vote in the Convention. Every other clergyman of the Church, of whatever order, being a settled minister**



or regularly officiating in some parish within this Diocese; or being a President, Professor, Tutor or Instructor in some College or Seminary of learning, and performing clerical functions; or being a Missionary under the direction of the ecclesiastical authority of this Diocese, or a Chaplain in the army or navy of the United States, or in any benevolent or other public institution, shall be entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention, if he have been actually as well as canonically resident within this Diocese, for the space of six calendar months next before the meeting of the Convention, and has, for the same period, been employed in performing the duties of his station, or have been canonically instituted. Provided, however, that no clergyman otherwise entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention, shall, by reason of advanced years, or infirm health, or temporary absence, be divested of such privilege.

Every parish in this Diocese, in union with this Convention, shall be entitled to send to the Convention a lay delegate, or delegates, not exceeding three, a certificate of whose appointment, signed by the Wardens or Parish Clerk, shall, before his or their admission to a seat, be laid before the Convention. Provided, that no person shall be competent to serve as a lay delegate unless he be a stated worshipper in the parish which he represents. The delegation from each parish shall be entitled on a division, by orders, to but one vote.

#### ARTICLE IV.

New parishes may be admitted into union with this Convention, on motion, by a majority of votes, provided they shall have laid before the Convention written evidence, subscribed by the Wardens and Vestry, that they have been duly organized for the space of one year, and during that time have held regular public services, and accede to the Constitution and Canons of this Church.

#### ARTICLE V.

The Bishop of this Diocese shall preside in the Convention. But in case of vacancy, or necessary absence, the members shall elect a president from among the clergy.

## ARTICLE VI.

A Secretary shall be chosen upon the assembling of the Annual Convention, from among the members thereof, who shall remain in office until the meeting of the next Convention.

## ARTICLE VII.

The members of the Convention present on due notification, and duly organized, shall constitute a quorum to transact the ordinary business of the Convention. The clergy and lay delegates shall deliberate as one body, and vote as such, except when a division is called for by three clerical members, or by the lay delegations from three parishes represented in the Convention; in which case a concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to carry any measure. All elections shall be by ballot, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

## ARTICLE VIII.

There shall be a Standing Committee, to consist of six members; three clergymen and three laymen. They shall keep regular minutes of their proceedings, and shall report the same annually to the Convention. A majority shall be a quorum.

## ARTICLE IX.

This Constitution shall not be subject to alteration in any article, except at the annual meeting of the Convention; nor unless such alteration shall have been proposed and accepted by the Convention for consideration at one annual meeting previous to its adoption.

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**Canon of 1828,**

AMENDED IN THE CONVENTION OF 1849.

*Respecting Contingent Expenses.*

It shall be the duty of every parish in this State, after the first day of January, 1829, to raise and send to the Treasurer of the Convention, to defray the contingent expenses of the Church in this Diocese, a sum of money annually, which shall be as much as *one per centum* on the salary of its minister ; and those parishes which are destitute of a clergyman, and which are represented by lay delegates in the Convention, shall pay at least five dollars annually, or send a certified copy of a vote that they are unable to pay the same ; and it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to certify in his annual report what parishes have neglected to comply with the requisitions of this Canon. The money thus raised and paid into the treasury of the Convention, shall be subject to appropriation by a majority of the votes of the Standing Committee, or of such committee as shall be appointed by the Convention ; and the following appropriations shall always be deemed proper, namely : to pay the travelling expenses of the Bishop of this Convention ; to pay the travelling expenses of such clerical members of the Convention as cannot afford to pay the same, not exceeding ten dollars to any clergyman in one year ; to pay the travelling expenses of the clerical delegates to the General Triennial Convention, not exceeding twenty-five dollars to each clerical delegate ; to pay to the delegates of the Church in this Diocese to the General Convention, such sums as shall enable them to pay the quota assessed on the several Churches in this Diocese by each General Convention, for the contingent expenses thereof ; and to pay for publishing the Journals of this Convention, and such other publications as shall be published by order of this Convention ; and every parish shall be entitled to five copies, at least, of every publication printed by order of the Convention.

But no clergyman shall be entitled to any appropriation from the Contingent Fund, unless the parish of which he is the minister shall have paid its annual quota of *one per centum*, or send a certified copy of a vote that it is unable to pay the same. Neither shall any parish, thus neglecting to comply with the requisitions of the Canon, receive more than five copies of the Journal.

### **Canon of 1844.**

#### *Respecting the increase of the Episcopal Fund.*

In every parish in this Diocese, a collection shall be annually made on Trinity Sunday, and paid over to the Treasurer of the Trustees of Donations of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese, to be added to the permanent fund for the support of the Bishop of this Diocese; and the said Treasurer shall report annually, to this Convention, the amount by him received from each parish.

### **Canons of 1846,**

**AMENDED IN THE CONVENTION OF 1852.**

#### **I.**

*Of proceedings in the case of a Minister, not being a Bishop, accused by public rumor or otherwise of offences for which he may be tried.*

**SECT. 1.** The mode of presentment and trial of a Minister, for any offence for which, by the laws of the General Convention or of this Diocese, he is or may be liable to be tried, shall be as follows :

Information of his offence shall first be given in writing to the Standing Committee, which information, any member of this

Church is hereby declared competent to give. The Standing Committee shall thereupon proceed to a preliminary consideration of the case; and in their discretion, if they see fit, may make a formal presentment of the offence to the Bishop.

Such presentment shall be made in writing, addressed to the Bishop, stating the charges made against the accused, with specifications as to time, place, and circumstances; and any of the specifications in said presentment may be amended from time to time by the Judge Advocate, as the Court may order; and in case there shall be no Bishop, or in case the Bishop shall be implicated in the offence, or shall be related to the accused by consanguinity or affinity, the Standing Committee shall then request the Bishop of some other Diocese to receive the presentment, who, upon the application of the Standing Committee, may proceed in the case, and exercise the same powers as belong, or are granted, to the Bishop of the Diocese.

**SECT. 2.** Any Minister of this Diocese, not being a Bishop, accused by public rumor or otherwise, of any offence or offences for which he may be tried as aforesaid, may, for himself, request the Standing Committee to institute such examination and inquiry respecting the truth of the charges against him; and, in such case, it shall be the duty of the Standing Committee to institute such examination and inquiry, and to proceed in like manner, as is provided in section first of the Canon.

## II.

### *Of the trial of a Clergyman, not being a Bishop.*

**SECT. 1.** Upon such presentment being made by the Standing Committee, as is provided in the foregoing Canon, the Bishop shall, as soon as may be, cause a copy of such presentment to be served on the accused, and shall also nominate nine Presbyters of the Diocese, entitled to seats in the Convention, and not being parties to the presentment, nor witnesses in the case, and shall cause a list of their names to be served on the accused, who shall,

within thirty days after such service, select five of them, and notify their names in writing to the Bishop ; and if he shall not give such notification to the Bishop within said thirty days, the Bishop shall then select five, and the Presbyters so selected shall form an Ecclesiastical Court for the trial of the accused.

SECT. 2. The Court, thus constituted, shall meet at such time and place within the Diocese, as the Bishop shall direct, and shall have power to adjourn from time to time, and from place to place, within the Diocese, as they shall deem necessary ; and the Bishop shall cause a written notice of the time and place of the first meeting of the said Court to be served at least thirty days before the time of meeting, on the accused, and also on the Secretary of the Standing Committee.

SECT. 3. If, at the time appointed for the first meeting of the said Court, the whole number of five shall not attend, those who do attend, may adjourn from time to time ; or being not less than three in number, they shall have the right to proceed, in case they shall see fit, to a hearing and trial of the case ; and their decision, if unanimous, shall be as binding as if the whole Court had been present ; but in case their decision shall not be unanimous, the Bishop shall, at the request of the accused, or of the Standing Committee, order a new trial.

SECT. 4. If a clergyman presented shall confess the truth of the facts alleged in the presentment, the Court shall, in writing, certify the same to the Bishop, and state their opinion as to the sentence that ought to be pronounced ; and it shall be the duty of the Bishop to proceed to pass sentence, in the manner hereinafter provided. And if a clergyman presented as aforesaid, after having had due notice, shall fail or neglect to appear before the Court of Presbyters appointed for his trial, unless prevented by sickness or other sufficient cause, he shall be suspended from the exercise of his clerical functions for the term of six months ; and if during that period, he shall not apply for a trial, he shall then be degraded from the ministry.

SECT. 5. When the Court proceed to the trial, they shall hear such competent evidence as shall be produced, which evidence shall be reduced to writing, and signed by the witnesses respec-

tively; and some officer authorized by law to administer oaths, may, at the desire of either party, be requested to administer an oath or affirmation to the witnesses. If, on or during the trial, the accused shall confess the truth of the charges as stated in the presentment, the Court may dispense with hearing further evidence, and may proceed at once to state their opinion to the Bishop as to the sentence that ought to be pronounced.

SECT. 6. Upon the application of either party to the Bishop, and it being made satisfactorily to appear to him, that any material witnesses cannot be procured upon the trial, the Bishop may appoint a Commissary to take the testimony of such witnesses. Such Commissary may be either a clergyman or a layman, and the party so applying, shall give to the other at least *six* days' notice of the time and place of taking the testimony. And if the person on whom the notice shall be served, shall reside more than forty miles from the place of examination, an additional day's notice shall be given for every additional twenty miles of the said distance. And both parties may attend and examine the witness, and the questions and answers shall be reduced to writing and signed by the witness, and shall be certified by the Commissary, and enclosed under his seal, and transmitted to the Court, and shall be received by them as evidence. A witness examined before such Commissary may be sworn or affirmed in manner aforesaid.

SECT. 7. The Court, having deliberately considered the evidence, shall declare in a writing signed by them, or a majority of them, their decision on the charges contained in the presentment, distinctly stating whether the accused is guilty or not guilty of such charges respectively, and also stating the sentence which, in their opinion, should be pronounced; and a copy of such decision shall be, without delay, communicated to the accused; and the original decision, together with the evidence, shall be delivered to the Bishop, who shall pronounce such canonical sentence as shall appear to him to be proper, provided the same shall not exceed in severity the sentence recommended by the Court; and such sentence shall be final. Before pronouncing any sentence, the Bishop shall summon the accused, and any three or



more Presbyters of the Diocese, to meet him at such time as ~~he~~ in his opinion be most convenient, in some church to be designated by him, which shall for that purpose be open at the time to persons who may choose to attend; and the sentence shall there and there be publicly pronounced by the Bishop. But the Bishop if he shall be satisfied that justice requires it, may grant a new trial to the accused, in which case a new Court of Presbyters shall be appointed, the proceedings before whom shall be conducted as before mentioned.

SECT. 8. All citations and notices contemplated in this Canon shall be signed by the Bishop, and may be served by a summoner or summoners, to be appointed for the purpose by the Bishop, and whose certificate of such service shall be evidence thereof. In case of service by any other person, the fact shall be proved by the affidavit of such person. A written citation or notice delivered to a party, or left at his last place of residence, shall be deemed a sufficient service of such citation or notice.

SECT. 9. Advocates or Proctors shall be allowed on both sides, at the pleasure of the parties, provided they are clergymen canonically resident in the Diocese, or laymen who have been communicants of some parish of the same, at least two years before the time of trial.

### **Canon of 1846.**

#### *Of Communicants.*

Whenever the Bishop shall institute an inquiry on the subject of repelling a person from the Holy Communion, according to the rubrics and the canons of the General Convention, he shall summon a council of two presbyters and two laymen, of which he shall be president, to decide upon the case.

**Canon of 1847,**

AS AMENDED IN THE CONVENTION OF 1848 AND 1860.

*Of Elections.*

The deputies to the General Convention from this Diocese shall be chosen at the meeting of this Convention holden in each year of the stated meeting of the General Convention; who shall continue in office until the meeting of this Convention, next preceding the stated meeting of the General Convention, on the third year next after their election, and until others shall be chosen in their place.

Substitutes for deputies shall be chosen at the same time, and in the same manner as the deputies are. And in the event of the resignation or inability of any deputy, clerical or lay, such vacancy shall be filled from the substitutes respectively, in the order in which they were chosen.

**Canon of 1858.**

*Of the Appointment of a Diocesan Registrar.*

SECT. 1. A Registrar shall be elected by this Convention whose duty it shall be to procure such papers, files, reports, journals, records and other documents, relative to the history of the Church in this Diocese, as are now, or may hereafter become, the property of this Convention, and preserve the same in some safe and accessible place of deposit; and to hold the same under such regulations and restrictions, as this Convention may from time to time provide.

SECT. 2. Said Registrar shall hold his office for one year, or until another be appointed in his place.

## Canon of 1859,

AMENDED IN THE CONVENTION OF 1860.

*Of the Missionary Organization of the Diocese.*

SECTION 1. Each of the four District Associations of this Diocese shall, at its first meeting after Easter, elect three clerical delegates who shall represent it in the Board of Missions.

SECT. 2. Every Parish in this Diocese, having within the year preceding, contributed at least fifty dollars to the funds of the Board, shall be entitled to one lay representative in the same.

SECT. 3. The term of service of the Delegates shall commence at the close of the Annual Convention.

SECT. 4. Parochial and lay delegates shall be chosen annually at parish meetings, or by the Wardens and Vestry, and shall continue in office until others are chosen in their places, or until the parish has forfeited the right of representation in the Board, by a non-compliance with the conditions of this Canon.

SECT. 5. The persons so chosen, with the Bishop of the Diocese, who shall be *ex officio*, a member and, when present, the presiding officer, shall constitute the Board of Missions, which shall have full charge and control of all monies contributed to its funds, except in so far as they may be limited by donors of funds for special purposes. The members present at any stated or duly notified meeting shall be a quorum.

SECT. 6. Stated meetings of the Board shall be held at least once in two months.

SECT. 7. One or more missionaries at large shall be appointed by the Board, whose duty it shall be to visit, explore and officiate under its direction.

## EXTRACT FROM THE

**Canon of the General Convention of 1853.**

*Of the mode of securing an accurate view of the state of the Church, from time to time.*

**SECTION 1.** As a full and accurate view of the state of the Church, from time to time, is highly useful and necessary, it is hereby ordered that every Minister of this Church, or, if the Parish be vacant, the Wardens, shall present, or cause to be delivered, on or before the first day of every annual Convention, to the Bishop of the Diocese, or, where there is no Bishop, to the President of the Convention, a statement of the number of baptisms, confirmations, marriages, and funerals, and of the number of communicants in his parish or Church, also, the state and condition of the Sunday Schools in his Parish, also of the amount of the communion alms, the contributions for Missions, diocesan, domestic, and foreign, for parochial schools, for Church purposes in general, and of all other matters that may throw light on the state of the same. And every other Clergyman not regularly settled in any Parish or Church, shall also report the occasional services he may have performed; and, if he have performed no such services, the causes or reasons which have prevented the same. And these reports, or such parts of them as the Bishop shall think fit, may be read in the Convention, and shall be entered on the journals thereof.

**Rules of Order.**

**RULE I.** When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, except to address the Chair.

No member shall absent himself from the house, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

When any member is about to speak, or deliver any matter to the house, he shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the house ; nor more than once, until others desiring to speak shall have spoken.

While the President is putting any question, the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private discourse.

Every member who shall be in the house, when any question is put, shall vote, unless he be personally interested in the question, or shall be excused by the Convention for reasons assigned.

**RULE II.** No motion shall be considered as before the Convention, unless seconded by a member not belonging to the same parish with the mover ; and every motion shall be reduced to writing, and the name of the mover appended.

**RULE III.** When the report of a committee is presented, it shall be read and entered on the minutes, unless otherwise determined by the house ; and, if accompanied by resolutions, the question shall be on adopting them.

**RULE IV.** When a question is before the Convention, it shall be in order—

1. To lay on the table ;
2. To postpone to a day certain ;
3. To commit ;
4. To amend ;
5. To postpone indefinitely ;

and a motion for any one of these proceedings may be considered as having precedence in the order in which they are here named ; and a question on any of these proceedings shall be decided before the original motion.

**RULE V.** An address or communication from the Bishop shall be in order at any time.

**RULE VI.** Any member may call for the division of a question, when the sense will admit of it.

**RULE VII.** The question of adjournment shall always be in order; and that, together with a motion to lay on the table, shall be decided without debate.

**RULE VIII.** When votes by orders are taken, they shall be entered on the minutes.

**RULE IX.** On all questions of order, the President shall decide, subject to an appeal to the house.

**RULE X.** A question, being decided, shall not be reconsidered during the same session, without the consent of two-thirds of the members present, nor unless the motion to reconsider be made and seconded by members who voted in the majority on the original decision.



**LIST OF THE CLERGY**  
**OF THE**  
**Diocese of Massachusetts.**

**MAY, A. D. 1862.**

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- The Right Rev. MANTON EASTBURN, D.D.,** Bishop of the Diocese, and Rector of Trinity Church, Boston.
- The Rev. HENRY W. ADAMS,** residing in New York.
- The Rev. NATHANIEL G. ALLEN,** officiating at Somerville.
- The Rev. BENJAMIN B. BABBITT,** Rector of Christ Church, Andover.
- The Rev. SAMUEL B. BABCOCK,** Rector of St. Paul's Church, Dedham, and Treasurer of the Convention.
- The Rev. WILLIAM R. BABCOCK,** Rector of St. John's Church, Jamaica Plain.
- The Rev. WILLIAM S. BARTLET,** residing at Chelsea.
- The Rev. ALFRED L. BAURY,** Rector of St. Paul's Church, Hopkinton, residing in Boston.
- The Rev. HENRY H. BEAN,** Rector of St. John's Church, Northampton.
- The Rev. JAMES A. BOLLES, D. D.,** Rector of the Church of the Advent, Boston.
- The Rev. JOHN T. BURRILL,** Rector of Christ Church, Boston, and Chaplain of Diocesan Board of Missions for Seamen.
- The Rev. HENRY BURROUGHS,** Rector of Christ Church, Quincy.



- The Rev. GEORGE T. CHAPMAN, D.D., residing in Newburyport.
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**Church**

***The Rev.***

**Rector.**

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N. B. It is expected that the clergyman will make such observations as to give a comprehensive view of the state of his parish and of his ministerial services during the past year.



## Notice.

The Seventy-third Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Massachusetts will be holden in Trinity Church, Boston, on the third Wednesday (the 20th day) of May, 1863, at 10 o'clock A. M.

JOSEPH H. CLINCH,

*Secretary of the Convention*

*South Boston, May, 1862.*

## Form of Certificate for Lay Delegates.

(Authorized by vote of Convention of 1849.)

[Name of Town] ——— A. D. 18—.

This is to certify, that at a regular meeting of the Parish of ——— Church, ———, held on the ——— day of ——— 18— the following persons, viz :

Messrs. ———, ———,  
———, ———,  
———, ———,

were duly elected lay delegates to represent this Parish in the next Diocesan Convention, to be held in ——— Church, in ———, on the ——— day of ———, A. D. 18—, and that they are stated worshippers in this Parish.

———, ———,  
*Parish Clerk.*

Diocese of Massachusetts.

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*By vote of the Convention of 1860 the following resolutions, passed in the Convention of 1858, were ordered to be printed on the cover of the Journal:—*

The following resolutions were offered by Mr. Hilliard:

Whereas the Journals of this Convention, for many years past, show that a large number of the Lay Delegates elected have not attended the sittings of the Convention:

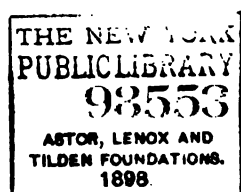
*Voted*, That the Convention earnestly recommend to the several Parishes to have regard in the election of Delegates to the probability of their being able and willing actually to serve in that capacity, and so far as practicable, in connection with such election, to require their assurance that they will attend the Convention, unless prevented by some unforeseen and insuperable obstacle.

*Voted*, That this Convention urge upon all persons, who may be elected Delegates as aforesaid, the great importance and the serious obligation of discharging the duty which is thus imposed upon them.

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*Boston, Wednesday, May 20, 1863, }*  
*Trinity Church. }*

THIS being the time and place appointed for the meeting of the seventy-third annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Massachusetts, the Rt. Rev. the Bishop, with several of the Clergy and Lay Delegates, assembled in Trinity Church, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Wm. Henry Brooks, D.D., Rector of Christ Church, Plymouth.

The annual Sermon was then delivered by the Rev. William R. Babcock, Rector of St. John's Church, Jamaica Plain, from the text, St. John's Gospel, vi. 21. *Then they willingly received him into the ship; and immediately the ship was at the land whither they went.*

The Bishop then admitted to the order of Deacons, Mr. Henry Freeman Allen, a candidate for orders of this Diocese.

After which, at the Offertory, which was read by the Rev. William R. Nicholson, D.D., a collection was made for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen of the Diocese.

The Holy Communion was then administered to the Clergy and the Laity, by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Nicholson.

The Congregation having retired, the Chair was taken by the Bishop, and the following list of Clergymen entitled to seats in the Convention was called over by the Secretary:—

Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D.D.

| The Rev. Reese F. Alsop,      | The Rev. <i>Charles W. Homer,</i> |
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| " Benj. B. Babbitt,           | " N. Hoppin, D.D.,                |
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 “ Theodore W. Snow, “ William Withington,  
 “ Moses P. Stickney, “ *Henry A. Yardley*.  
 “ George A. Strong,

Who, with the exception of those whose names are printed in *italics*, appeared and took their seats.

The Secretary then called over the names of the Parishes in union with the Convention, when the Lay Delegates handed in the Certificates of their election. The names of the Lay Delegates were then called, the members present answering to their names. Those who were not present during some portion of the Session, are *italicised*.

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- Cambridge, St. Peter's.* Asa P. Morse, James H. Hallett.
- Charlestown, St. John's.* George N. Fisher, James C. Benn, William A. Herrick.
- Chelsea, St. Luke's.* George Crooks, Silas Bertenshaw, William A. Dame.
- Chelsea, St. Andrew's.* Gearfield Learned, F. D. S. Jones, Edwin C. Barnes.
- Chicopee, Grace.*
- Clappville, Christ.* George Brown, Jr., E. G. Carlton, John H. Symons.
- Danvers, Calvary.* Joseph Adams, John W. Inman.
- Dedham, St. Paul's.* Ira Cleveland, Thomas L. Wakefield, Erastus Worthington.
- Dorchester, St. Mary's.* John P. Clapp, Daniel Sharp, Moses Branch.
- Dorchester, (Hyde Park,) Christ.* G. H. Nott, S. A. Bradbury, W. H. Hoogs.
- Fall River, Ascension.* Walter C. Durfee, Richard M. Sherman, R. W. Batt.



- Framingham, St. John's.** James W. Brown, M.D., Alex.  
R. Esty, Charles R. Train.
- Great Barrington, St. James's.** B. F. Durant, L. G.  
Robbins.
- Greenfield, St. James's.** R. E. Field, Charles K. Grinnell,  
E. P. Graves.
- Hanover, St. Andrew's.** John B. Bates, George Curtis,  
Warren Wright.
- Haverhill, Trinity.** J. H. Farnsworth, George Peabody  
Russell, Edward F. Adams.
- Hopkinton, St. Paul's.**
- Lanesborough, St. Luke's.** Jedediah W. Newton, William  
T. Filley, Edward J. Tower.
- Lawrence, Grace.** Henry Barton, D. P. Crocker, John  
F. Cogswell.
- Lee, St. George's.**
- Lenox, Trinity.** Samuel C. Wright, Edmund Spencer,  
William Deming, Jr.
- Lowell, St. Anne's.** William A. Burke, James B. Francis,  
John O. Green, M.D.
- Lowell, St. John's.** Elisha Huntington, Charles R. Littler,  
Charles H. Burbank.
- Lynn, St. Stephen's.** W. F. Johnson, W. A. Attwell, John  
Halliday, Jr.
- Marblehead, St. Michael's.** Francis A. Hooper, Caleb  
Prentiss, Jr.
- Medford, Grace.** Gardner P. Gates.
- Metrose, Trinity.** Charles P. Gordon, Daniel W. Foster,  
John Kimball.
- Millville, St. John's.** H. S. Mansfield, Marcien Jenckes,  
William A. Cole.
- Nantucket, St. Paul's.**
- New Bedford, Grace.** John Kehew, Edmund Rodman,  
Joseph Tillinghast.

*New Boston, St. Andrew's.*

*Newburyport, St. Paul's.* Nathaniel Foster, Alfred W. Lord, *David Wood.*

*Newton, St. Mary's.* Thomas Rice, Jr., R. B. Blasdel, John Pulcifer.

*Newton, Grace.* E. B. Bancroft, Thomas Smallwood, John Andrews.

*North Adams, St. John's.*

*Northampton, St. John's.* Samuel L. Hinckley, George M. Fuller.

*Otis, St. Paul's.*

*Pittsfield, St. Stephen's.* Levi Cook, Jarvis H. Dunham.

*Plymouth, Christ.* Oliver T. Wood, Harvey W. Weston, Joseph Smith.

*Quincy, Christ.* Charles C. Jewett, Atherton Tilden, M. F. Duncklee.

*Roxbury, St. James's.* Sanford M. Hunt, John B. Kettell, John J. Soley.

*Roxbury, (Jamaica Plain,) St. John's.* D. B. Hager, T. P. Procter, B. C. Clark, Jr.

*Salem, St. Peter's.* Francis W. Pickman, Jonathan F. Worcester, William H. Jelly.

*Salem, Grace.* Benjamin Shreve, Elijah Haskell, I. F. Tuckerman.

*Springfield, Christ.* John B. Stebbins, R. B. Hildreth, James H. Morton.

*Stockbridge, St. Paul's.* Mason Van Deusen, D. B. Fenn, Jr.

*Swansea, Christ.* William H. Pearse, Preserved S. Gardner, James L. Wellington.

*Taunton, St. Thomas's.* Samuel L. Crocker, Albert Pitts, Charles Husband.

*Vandeuenville, Trinity.*

*Waltham, Christ.* Walcott Richards, M.D., Robert Slack, Moses E. Osgood.

*Wilkinsonville, St. John's.* Seth Hartwell, *George Mathison*, N. B. Chase.

*Woods' Hole, Messiah.*

*Worcester, All Saints'.*

A quorum being present, the Convention proceeded to business.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That in the election of Secretary balloting be dispensed with.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Rev. Joseph H. Clinch, the former Secretary, be re-elected.

The Secretary, with the consent of the Convention, appointed the Rev. Wm. Henry Brooks, D.D., assistant Secretary.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That in the election of a Treasurer, balloting be dispensed with.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Rev. Samuel B. Babcock, the former Treasurer, be re-elected.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Rules of order adopted by the last Convention, be adopted for the use of this Body, until others are substituted.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the usual Committees be now appointed by the Chair.

The Chair appointed the following :

*On Qualifications.* The Rev. William R. Nicholson, D.D., the Rev. Henry Burroughs, George M. Browne.

*On New Parishes.* The Rev. Thomas H. Vail, D.D.,  
The Rev. F. D. Huntington, D.D., Isaac F. Redfield.

*On Finance.* The Rev. S. Russel Jones, Eliakim Littell.

*Executive Committee.* The Rev. Theodore W. Snow.  
The Rev. James I. T. Coolidge, The Rev. George D. Wildes.

*Unfinished Business.* The Rev. John T. Burrill, Benjamin Shreve.

On motion,

*Resolved,* That Clergymen of this Church not entitled to seats in this Convention, and candidates for Holy Orders, be invited to be present at the sittings of this Body.

*Whereupon,* the following appeared and took seats in the Convention :

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| The Rev. George S. Rumney,      | - | - | Massachusetts. |
| “ Samuel H. Hilliard, (Deacon,) |   |   | Massachusetts. |
| “ Samuel S. Spear,              | - | - | Massachusetts. |
| “ William S. Bartlet,           | - | - | Massachusetts. |
| “ Nathaniel G. Allen,           | - |   | Massachusetts. |
| “ Wm. Stevens Perry,            | - | - | Maine.         |
| “ Francis Byrne,                | - | - | Jamaica, W. I. |

On motion,

*Resolved,* That when this house adjourn, it adjourn to re-assemble at 4 o'clock, P. M.

On motion,

*Resolved,* That the order of business and Rules of Order printed on pages 32-37 of Journal of 1862, be adopted for the government of this Convention.

The Secretary presented the application of St. Mark's Church, Southborough, to be admitted into union with this Convention.

Which application was, on motion, referred to the Committee on New Parishes.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the following be adopted as a substitute for Rule IX. of Rules of Order.

RULE IX. When votes or elections by orders are called for (by three clerical members or by the Lay delegations from three parishes) each Clergyman and each parish shall be entitled to one vote, and there must be a concurrence of the majority of both orders voting; and the yeas and nays, when taken, shall be entered on the minutes.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Convention now adjourn.

Adjourned.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Some additional certificates of Lay Delegates were handed in and read, and the Delegates took their seats.

The roll was then called by the Secretary, and some members not present at the morning session appeared and took their seats.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That a Committee of two persons be appointed by the Chair to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

The Chair appointed as that Committee, Francis Coggs-well and Frederick H. Stimpson.

The Rev. Henry Burroughs from the Committee on Qualifications made the following Report. :

The Committee on Qualifications respectfully report that all the Clergy whose names were read by the Secretary are entitled to seats in this Convention—also, that the Certificates of the Lay Delegates of the several parishes conform to the requirements of the Constitution, except those from St. John's Church,

Lowell, and Grace Church, Boston, which do not state that the persons chosen are stated worshippers in the parish.

The Committee are informed that the Delegates from St. John's Church, Lowell, are stated worshippers in that parish ; and that Messrs. Otis Daniell and Richard Sullivan are stated worshippers in Grace Church, Boston, but that Mr. Joseph S. Fay is not a stated worshipper in that parish.

For the Committee,

HENRY BURROUGHS, JR.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Lay Delegates from St. John's Church, Lowell, and that Messrs. Sullivan and Daniell from Grace Church, Boston, be admitted to seats in the Convention.

The Rev. Thomas H. Vail, D.D., from the Committee on New Parishes, reported in favor of the admission of St. Mark's Church, Southborough.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That St. Mark's Church, Southborough, be admitted into union with this Convention.

The certificate of election of Lay Delegates was then handed in and read, and the names of Lay Delegates were called over as follows :

*St. Mark's Church, Southborough.* Joseph Burnett, George L. Gillman, John W. Crane.

Who appeared and took their seats in the Convention.

The Bishop then delivered his Annual Address.

## Annual Address.

MY BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY :—

In presenting to you the annual record of my official acts since we last assembled, I begin with stating that, on the Sunday after the adjournment of the last Convention, the Fifth after Easter, May 25, I confirmed 5 in the morning in Christ Church, Waltham ; and

In the afternoon of the same day, confirmed 1, and catechized the children, in St. Mary's, Newton, Lower Falls.

On Tuesday, May 27, I confirmed 2 in the evening in Christ Church, Quincy.

On Wednesday, May 28, I confirmed 18 in the evening in St. Mary's, Dorchester.

Ascension Day, May 29, I confirmed 4 in the evening in Trinity Church, Melrose. The Rev. W. H. Munroe has resigned the charge of this parish, and removed to the Diocese of New Jersey ; and has been succeeded by the Rev. John B. Richmond, from the Diocese of Illinois.

On Friday, May 30, I confirmed 11 in the evening in St. Thomas's, Taunton.

On the Sunday after Ascension Day, June 1, I confirmed 6 in the morning in the Church of the Ascension, Fall River, and catechized the children in the afternoon. The Rev. Emery M. Porter, who for about fourteen years has been the Rector of this parish, has been compelled by impaired health to resign his cure, and seek the advantage of temporary rest from parochial labors.



In the evening of the same day, I confirmed 1, and catechized the children, in Christ Church, Swansea.

On Tuesday, June 3, I confirmed 2 in the evening in Grace Church, New Bedford. The vacancy in the Rectorship of this parish, created by the resignation of the Rev. J. P. Tustin, has been filled by the appointment of the Rev. James Mulchahey, from the Diocese of Rhode Island.

On Wednesday, June 4, I confirmed 4 in the afternoon in Trinity Church, Bridgewater.

On Thursday, June 5, I confirmed 5 in the afternoon in St. Andrew's, Hanover, including 1 from St. James's, Great Barrington.

Whit-Sunday, June 8, I confirmed 4 in the afternoon in the temporary place of worship used by the congregation of Grace Church, Newton Corner. To these is to be added 1 hereafter to be mentioned, making 5 as the whole number for the year.

Tuesday in Whitsun-Week, June 10, I confirmed 9 in the evening in St. Stephen's, Lynn; making, with 1 shortly to be mentioned as confirmed elsewhere, 10 as the whole number since the last Convention.

St. Barnabas the Apostle, Wednesday, June 11, I confirmed 6 in the evening in St. Michael's, Marblehead.

On Thursday, June 12, I confirmed 8 in the afternoon in Grace Church, Salem, including 1 from St. Stephen's, Lynn and

In the evening of the same day, confirmed 10 in St. Peter's Salem.

Trinity Sunday, June 15, I catechized the children in the morning, and confirmed 11 persons, in St. Paul's, Newburyport; and

In the afternoon of the same day, confirmed 4 in St. James's, Amesbury.

On Tuesday, June 17, I catechized the children in the afternoon in St. James's, Greenfield, and confirmed 4 persons in the evening.

On Wednesday, June 18, I catechized the children in St. John's, Northampton, in the afternoon, and confirmed 5 persons in the evening.

On Thursday, June 19, I confirmed 15 in the evening in Christ Church, Springfield.

On Friday, June 20, I confirmed 1 in the evening in Grace Church, Chicopee.

On the First Sunday after Trinity, June 22, I confirmed 7 in the afternoon in St. Paul's, Brookline. You are all aware of the loss which this Diocese has sustained by the Rev. Dr. Stone's resignation of this parish, and his removal to Pennsylvania; where he is now one of the professors in the Divinity school in Philadelphia. His place at Brookline has been supplied by the election of the Rev. Francis Wharton, from the Diocese of Ohio.

St. John Baptist's Day, June 24, I confirmed 4 in the evening in Trinity Church, Haverhill.

On Wednesday, June 25, I confirmed 7 in the evening in Grace Church, Lawrence.

On Thursday, June 26, I confirmed 4 in the evening in Christ Church, Andover.

On the Second Sunday after Trinity, June 29, I preached in the morning in St. John's, Millville, and also catechized the children; and confirmed 14 persons in the afternoon. The Rev. John V. Lewis has resigned this parish, and removed to the Diocese of Connecticut; and has been succeeded at Millville by the Rev. George Rumney, from Connecticut.

On Monday, June 30, I confirmed 14 in the evening in St. John's, Framingham. The new parish church had been opened

just before the time of my visit ; and it was very gratifying to me to see the congregation, so soon after the commencement of services in this town, in possession of a place of worship of their own. The parishioners are making active exertions to redeem it from debt, and I trust that, before another Convention, it will be duly consecrated to the service of almighty God. The Rector is the Rev. Reese F. Alsop, from the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

On the Third Sunday after Trinity, July 6, I confirmed 4 in the evening in Grace Church, Medford.

On Thursday, July 10, at an Ordination held in Christ Church, Andover, I admitted to Deacon's Orders Mr. Charles H. Learoyd, a Candidate for Orders of this Diocese. Mr. Learoyd is now Assistant Minister of Emmanuel Church, Boston.

On Friday of the following week, July 18, I held an Ordination in St. John's, East Boston, and admitted to Deacon's Orders Mr. Pliny B. Morgan, a Candidate for Orders of this Diocese. Mr. Morgan is now the Rector of St. Andrew's, Chelsea.

On the Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity, September 21, I confirmed 4 in the afternoon in Christ Church, Hyde Park.

On the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity, September 28, I confirmed in the morning in Trinity Church, Boston, 3 young men of the army, about to leave for the seat of war ; 2 of them being from St. Paul's, Boston, and 1 from the Church of the Messiah.

From the 1st to the 17th of October inclusive, I was in attendance at the General Convention of our Church ; this Triennial Council of our beloved household of faith being held in the city of New York. The melancholy feelings with which we met at this time, in consequence of the present desolating

rebellion, and the absence of so many Bishops and clerical and lay representatives of Dioceses which had gone over to the side of insurrection, will easily be imagined by you all. We could not but revert to the happy past, and contrast it with the mournful present. I feel, however, a great satisfaction in looking back to that Convention, painful as were the circumstances under which its members were assembled. And this satisfaction, which I trust is equally felt by yourselves, is derived from the fact that this august body, occupying so important and responsible a position, and commanding the attention of the whole country, did not adjourn without expressing, in the most unequivocal manner, its loyalty to the constituted Government of the nation. In the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, resolutions embodying this loyalty were introduced and passed. And the House of Bishops asserted, likewise, this duty of allegiance, in the impressive form of a day of public prayer and humiliation. That House, as you know, held a service in Trinity Church; and the walls of that sacred edifice resounded with petitions for the utter ceasing of all resistance against the rightful authority of the country. But the most important of all the acts having this end of expressing our fealty to the government, was the issuing of the Pastoral Letter by this same House of Bishops. A masterly document it is;—representing this stupendous insurrection as a criminal violation of God's law; and strengthening its positions by reference not only to the Bible, but to the pungent old Homily of our Church against Rebellion. For all this we have reason to thank God. For surely, if, in this hour of the country's distress and peril, such a Church as ours, at the solemn gathering of its Bishops and representatives, had failed to proclaim its sympathy with the universal heart of the nation, and, amidst the groans, and tears, and agonies, of a bleeding people,

had either shut its lips in silence, or expressed itself in ambiguous and undecided language, we should have had just reason to hide our heads in shame. As it is, we have cause of profound gratitude to that almighty Disposer of hearts, who led our Triennial Council to do the right thing, at the right time.

On the Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity, October 5, at an Ordination held in the Anthon Memorial Church, New York, by permission of the Bishop of the Diocese, I admitted to Deacon's Orders Mr. George Gardner Jones, a Candidate for Orders of this Diocese. Mr. Jones, immediately after his ordination, entered upon his duties as a Chaplain of one of the Regiments at the seat of war.

On the Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity, October 26, I preached in the morning in All Saints', Worcester. The Rev. E. W. Hager resigned the charge of this parish during the last summer, and has been transferred to the Diocese of Illinois; and his successor in All Saints' is the Rev. William R. Huntington, formerly Assistant Minister of Emmanuel Church, Boston.

In the afternoon of the same day, I preached in Christ Church, Clappville. The Rev. J. H. Rouse, for 13 years the Rector of this parish, had resigned the situation, and become a Hospital Chaplain in the service of the United States, not long before the time of my visit. He has been succeeded at Clappville by the Rev. W. B. Colburn, who has consequently relinquished the Rectorship of Grace Church, Chicopee.

On Monday, October 27, I preached in the afternoon in St. John's, Wilkinsonville. The Rev. W. G. Hawkins has resigned the charge of this parish, and has been succeeded by the Rev. George S. Paine. Mr. Hawkins has since that time been laboring, under my appointment, as a Missionary at large in this Diocese.

On Wednesday, October 29, I preached twice, and catechized the children, in St. John's, Ashfield. The Rev. T. B. Flower has become the Rector of this parish, and has accordingly relinquished the charge of the Church of the Messiah, Wood's Hole, which he had held for 8 years.

On Thursday, October 31, I preached in the evening at South Adams; and on the following day confirmed 10 in the morning in St. John's, North Adams, and preached a second time in the evening. The Rev. W. Tatlock has resigned the Rectorship of this parish, and removed to the Diocese of New York; and his place has been filled by the Rev. Robert Weeks, from the same Diocese.

All Saints' Day, Saturday, November 1, I preached in the morning in St. Luke's, Lanesborough, and confirmed 3 in the afternoon.

On the Twentieth Sunday after Trinity, November 2, at an Ordination held in the morning in St. Stephen's, Pittsfield, I admitted to Deacon's Orders Mr. Sylvester J. Sawyer, a Candidate for Orders of this Diocese, and Principal of the High School of Pittsfield. Mr. Sawyer is now officiating in the parish of St. George's, Lee. In the evening, after a sermon by the Rev. John Stearns, of the Diocese of Connecticut, I confirmed 3 in the same church; and in the afternoon of the following day examined the children of the parish in the Catechism. Mr. Stearns was shortly afterwards elected Rector of St. Stephen's.

On Tuesday, November 4, I confirmed 2 in the afternoon in Trinity Church, Lenox.

On Wednesday, November 5, I preached in the evening at Lee. The service was held in the Baptist place of worship, owing to the destruction of the parish church of St. George's by fire, as mentioned in my Address to the last Convention.

I had the satisfaction, however, of seeing a new church rising on the site of the former edifice. It is built of marble taken from the quarry in the town, and generously given by a member of the parish. I hope that this people, who have so promptly and vigorously set themselves to the work of rearing a house of God, will be aided by other portions of the Diocese, and thus enabled to present their church, free from debt, for consecration to its blessed purposes.


On Thursday, November 6, I confirmed 3 in the evening in St. Paul's, Stockbridge.

On Friday, November 7, I had the great satisfaction of consecrating to the worship and service of God St. James's Church, Great Barrington; the liabilities upon which had, through the strenuous exertions of the congregation, been removed several months before the period of my visit. A large congregation was present on this interesting occasion; and the Rev. Dr. Parker, the Rev. S. Cutler, and the Rev. Mr. Weeks, took part in the services. In the evening of the same day I confirmed 8 in St. James's; making, with 1 confirmed, as already mentioned, at Hanover, 9 as the whole number for the year.

On Saturday, November 8, I confirmed 1 in the morning in Trinity Church, Vandeusenville. The Rev. J. A. Penniman resigned this cure shortly before my visit, and became a chaplain in the army; but has lately returned to Vandeusenville, to officiate among the people once more.

On the Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity, November 9, I preached in the morning in St. Paul's, Otis, and in the afternoon in St. Andrew's, New Boston.

On the Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity, November 16, I conducted, with the assistance of some of my reverend brethren, a service in the evening on occasion of opening the new Chapel of our Diocesan Seamen's Mission. This place of worship,



which is on the site of the one destroyed by fire, is convenient, spacious, and cheerful; and is in all respects superior to the room previously used. On this interesting occasion a large congregation attended. I delivered an address, which was followed by addresses by the Rev. Dr. Nicholson, the Rev. P. B. Morgan, and the Rev. Mr. Burrill, Rector of Christ Church, and Chaplain of the Mission. May the tokens of God's converting grace be ever vouchsafed to this establishment for the everlasting welfare of the sailor!

On Wednesday, December 3, at an Ordination held in All Saints', Worcester, I admitted to Priest's Orders the Rev. William B. Huntington, Deacon, Rector of the parish, and the Rev. George S. Paine, Deacon, Rector of St. John's, Wilkinsville. The sermon was preached by the Rev. F. D. Huntington, D.D., Rector of Emmanuel Church, Boston; who also, together with the Rev. J. I. T. Coolidge, the Rev. W. W. Sever, and the Rev. W. C. Langdon of the Diocese of Connecticut, united with me in the imposition of hands on the two candidates. The Rev. Dr. Wells, Minister of St. Stephen's Chapel, Boston, united in the laying on of hands on the Rev. Mr. Huntington.

On Tuesday, January 6, 1863, being the Festival of the Epiphany, I confirmed 2 in Trinity Church, Boston; one of these persons being presented by the Rector of Emmanuel Church, and the other by the Rector of Grace Church, Newton Corner.

On the First Sunday after the Epiphany, January 11, I confirmed 7 in the evening at Somerville; where, as mentioned in my Address to the last Convention, the Rev. N. G. Allen had commenced services, and where a parish had been organized by the name of Emmanuel Church. Mr. Allen has recently relinquished this situation, and has been succeeded by the Rev.



Edward H. True, who has resigned the Rectorship of St. Stephen's, Lynn.

On the Third Sunday after the Epiphany, January 25, confirmed 13 in the evening in the Free Church of St. Mark for Sailors, Boston.

On the Third Sunday in Lent, March 8, I confirmed 13 in the afternoon in St. Mark's, Boston.

On Wednesday, March 11, I confirmed 15 in the evening in All Saints', Worcester.

On the Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 15, I confirmed 10 in the evening in St. Matthew's, South Boston.

On the Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 22, I confirmed 12 in the afternoon, and catechized the children, in Christ Church, Cambridge.

On Tuesday, March 24, I confirmed 10 in the afternoon in St. Stephen's Chapel, Boston. To these are to be added 4, hereafter to be mentioned as confirmed elsewhere; making 14 as the whole number.


On the Sunday next before Easter, March 29, I confirmed 12 in the morning in Trinity Church, Boston; and

In the afternoon of the same day, confirmed 14 in St. James's, Roxbury. I have much gratification in recording, as an evidence of the prosperity of this parish, the fact of the enlargement of the church, and the addition, thereby, of a great number of sittings.

Tuesday before Easter, March 31, I confirmed 9 in the evening in St. John's, East Boston.

Wednesday before Easter, April 1, I confirmed 9 in the evening in St. Paul's, Boston.

Thursday before Easter, April 2, I preached in the morning in St. John's, Lowell. The Rev. Charles W. Homer has resigned the charge of this parish, and has just been succeeded



by the Rev. Cornelius B. Smith, late Assistant Minister of the Church of the Ascension, New York. The parish church having been placed, free from liability, in the hands of the Trustees of Donations, nothing now stands in the way of its consecration.

In the evening of the same day I confirmed 52 in St. Anne's, Lowell.

Easter Day, April 5, I confirmed 14 in the evening in Christ Church, Boston.

On the First Sunday after Easter, April 12, I confirmed 24 in the evening in the Church of the Advent, Boston, including 2 from St. Stephen's Chapel.

On Wednesday, April 15, I confirmed 19 persons in the evening at Brighton, where a parish has been organized by the name of the Church of the Epiphany. The services were held in a hall occupied by the congregation. The Rev. D. G. Haskins is at present in charge of the parish.

On the Second Sunday after Easter, April 19, I confirmed 40 in the evening in Emmanuel Church, Boston; making, with 1 previously mentioned, 41 as the number for the year.

On Wednesday, April 22, at an Ordination held in Grace Church Boston, I admitted to Priest's Orders the Rev. Samuel S. Spear, Deacon, formerly Assistant in that church, and now officiating in All Saints', Worcester, during the absence of the Rector in Europe; and the Rev. Robert Weeks, Deacon, Rector of St. John's, North Adams. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Thomas F. Fales, Rector of Christ Church, Waltham; who also, together with the Rev. Drs. Nicholson and Randall, and the Rev. Messrs. Haskins, Baurý, Allen, Burrill, and W. R. Huntington, united with me in the imposition of hands.


On the Third Sunday after Easter, April 26, I confirmed 22

in the afternoon in St. John's, Charlestown ; and also examined the children of the Sunday School in the Catechism.

On the Fourth Sunday after Easter, May 3, I confirmed in the evening 10 parishioners of St. Andrew's, Chelsea. This service was held in St. Luke's; the parish church formerly occupied by the congregation of St. Andrew's having, I am sorry to say, passed out of their possession, in consequence of the same pecuniary difficulties which had prevented its consecration.

On the Fifth Sunday after Easter, May 10, I confirmed 18 in the afternoon in the Church of the Messiah, Boston, including 2 from St. Stephen's Chapel.

During this week I had the privilege of attending, in New York, the anniversary of that great national Institution, the American Bible Society, and of delivering an Address upon that occasion. Bible Societies, my dear brethren, are the noblest of those Christian charities, established by God's people of various branches of the Church of God, which distinguish this nineteenth century. The course of this American Bible Society, like that of its magnificent forerunner, the British and Foreign, has been one marked by the blessing of the God of the Bible from its first beginning. And what a consolation is to be found in contemplating its labors, while we think of the abounding infidelity of our age ; for, surely, the certain antidote to assaults against the truth of God's word is the circulation of that word. In this time of war, moreover, how providential seems the existence of a Society which can furnish, out of its depository, such an abundance of copies of the inspired Scriptures for the army and navy ! I am rejoiced to observe that so many of the clergy and congregations of this Diocese continue to respond to the appeals of my respected brother, who is the agent of this great Institution for the Episcopal Churches of



Massachusetts and other States. How can we fail to honor and love an agency like this? "Sanctify them through thy truth," said our Lord and Master : "thy word is truth."

On the Sunday after Ascension Day, May 17, I confirmed 11 in the afternoon in St. John's, Jamaica Plain.

And the last act which I have to record is that of admitting to Deacon's Orders this morning, in this church, and in your presence, Mr. Henry Freeman Allen, a Candidate for Orders of this Diocese.

The result of the foregoing particulars is as follows :—Since we last assembled, I have confirmed 563 persons ; ordained 5 Deacons, and 4 Priests ; consecrated 1 church ; and 2 parishes have been organized.

The congregation of St. Mark's, Southborough, have nearly ready for consecration a parish church. The Rector is the Rev. Albert C. Patterson, who has been received from the Diocese of New York.

I have great pleasure in stating, that the Rev. John West, who has been received into this Diocese with Letters Dimissory from the Missionary Bishop of the North West, has begun the services of our Church at Holmes's Hole, and with great promise of success. I have also to record that, since the last Convention, a congregation has been gathered at Gloucester, and is served with constant ministrations by the Rev. Joshua R. Pease.

It must be with the sincerest satisfaction that you have heard, that Christ Church, Plymouth, so long closed, has at length been opened once more ; and is now enjoying the pastoral care of the Rev. Dr. Brooks, who has been received from the Diocese of Maine. This event of renewed services in that church took place mainly in consequence of a remarkable inter-

est in the subject of religion in the town of Plymouth; and I trust that so auspicious a beginning is a token of blessing in the future.

You will be gratified to learn, that there is now the prospect of the firm establishment of our Church in the town of Fitchburg. Various attempts towards this object have been made within the last few years, but without success. Since the last Convention the Rev. Mr. Hawkins, Missionary at large in the Diocese, has visited the place, and conferred with several persons; and his efforts have resulted in the commencement of stated services. The attendance and interest are such as to justify the warmest anticipations of permanence and growth. I am also happy to say that the people have lately chosen as their minister the Rev. Henry L. Jones, son of my old and valued friend, the Rev. Lot Jones, Rector of the Church of the Epiphany, New York. May the blessing of the Holy Spirit descend upon this portion of the vineyard, as well as on those to which I just before referred; and, through the preaching of a crucified Saviour, and the ministrations of that Liturgy which so distinctly witnesses to the Redeemer, bring multitudes to that cross which is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth!

Besides the changes in the Diocese already mentioned, are the following:—The Rev. Samuel J. Evans has been transferred to the Diocese of Maine; the Rev. Josiah P. Tustin to Pennsylvania; the Rev. Robert Murray to Rhode Island; and the Rev. Richard F. Putnam to California. The Rev. William Withington has been received from Michigan; the Rev. Dexter Potter, who is officiating at Malden, has been transferred from the Diocese of New Hampshire; the Rev. John Crocker White has been received from Delaware, and is Associate Rector of

St. Paul's, Newburyport; and the Rev. Samuel H. Hilliard, Deacon, has removed into this Diocese from New York, and is now in charge of Grace Church in this city, which has been opened as a free church. The Rev. William P. Page, so long the Rector of St. Peter's, Cambridgeport, has retired from the charge of that parish, with the respect and love of all among whom he has faithfully labored in the ministry of the word. I have also to state with the sincerest regret, that the Rev. Dr. Mercer has been constrained, owing to the unsuitableness of the climate of Boston to his constitution, to resign his position as Assistant Minister of Trinity Church in this city. I should do injustice to my own feelings were I not to give expression, while thus parting with him, to my appreciation of his high sense of honor, his warm affections, his love of gospel truth, his talents and accomplishments, and of all those qualifications and virtues in him which mark their possessor as the true Christian gentleman.

The following are the names of the Candidates for Holy Orders:—Wentworth S. Butler, Abner P. Brush, Albert U. Stanley, O. W. Whitaker, Edward Hale, Daniel S. Preston, George L. Locke, James Kent Stone, William A. Holbrook, James H. Saville, Carlos Slafter, and Nathan H. Chamberlain—Total, 12. Mr. Henry Sterns, whose name was on the list of last year, has ceased to be a Candidate at his own request.

I have thus presented to you the statement required of me by the Canons, of "the affairs of the Diocese since the last meeting of the Convention." I have now only to commend you, my dear brethren and fellow laborers in the ministry of the blessed gospel, to the benediction of the great Head of the Church. The return of our annual Convention finds us still in the midst of the tumults and calamities of that Rebellion,

which has wickedly torn the Union asunder. And this state of things not only brings desolation and mourning to the homes of the land, but also bears with disastrous influence upon the interests of the kingdom of Christ. Now, therefore, is the time, if ever, not only for those who are ordained to preach the word of salvation, but for all the people of God, to pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit of promise. It is this alone that can lead men to seek for the sanctification of these sorrows to their everlasting good, instead of being distracted by them from the thought of what belongs to their peace. And it is this same illuminating Spirit alone that can bring the inhabitants of the country into that state of heart and mind, which will prepare them for a return of mercy in the place of judgment. May God give us all the spirit of child-like faith in the efficacy of supplication! And may he fill us with ardent longings for, and constant zeal in laboring to promote, that day when at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, and when "His dominion shall be from sea even to sea, and from the river even to the ends of the earth!"

The Rev. Thomas H. Vail, D.D., from the Committee on amendment of the Constitution appointed at last Convention, made a Report, which,

On motion, was ordered to be printed.

The Rev. Thomas R. Lambert, Secretary of the Standing Committee, made the following Annual Report of that Body:

### **Report of the Standing Committee.**

The Standing Committee present the following Report of their doings, for the past Conventional year:

The Committee was duly organized on the 26th day of May,

A. D., 1862, by the choice of the Rev. George M. Randall, D.D., as President, and the Rev. Thomas R. Lambert as Secretary. The Committee have held fourteen meetings.

They have signed the Canonical Testimonials of Revs. P. B. Morgan, George Sturgis Paine, Wm. R. Huntington, Samuel S. Spear and Robert Weeks, Deacons, recommending them to be admitted to the Order of the PRIESTHOOD.

They have signed the Canonical Testimonials of Charles H. Learoyd, P. B. Morgan, George Gardner Jones, Sylvester John Sawyer, Henry Freeman Allen and Abner P. Brush, applying to be admitted to the Order of Deacons.

They have signed the Canonical Testimonials of Carlos Slaf-ter, James H. Saville and Nathan H. Chamberlin, late a Minister of the Unitarian Denomination, recommending them to be Candidates for Holy Orders.

For the Committee,

THOMAS R. LAMBERT, *Secretary.*

The Rev. William R. Babcock from the Special Committee on the Missionary organization of the Diocese, appointed by the last Convention, made the following Report:

### **A Substitute for the Canon of 1859 Amended in the Convention of 1860.**

#### **OF THE MISSIONARY ORGANIZATION OF THE DIOCESE.**

1. The Diocese shall be divided into four districts, in each of which may be organizations or associations composed of such of the clergy within their several limits as shall be disposed to associate for missionary purposes. The Eastern District shall include the counties of Essex and Middlesex. The Southern District shall include the counties of Norfolk, Plymouth, Bristol, Barnstable, Dukes, and Nantucket. The Central District shall include the counties of Worcester, Franklin, Hampshire, and Hampden. The Western District shall include the County of Berkshire. The Clergy resident in the County of Suffolk may



choose (each one for himself) to which of these four associations he will belong.

2. The Bishop of the Diocese, when present at a meeting of either association, shall always preside.

3. The associations already organized in these four districts under the previous action of this Convention in 1842 and 1860 shall be regarded as the association contemplated by this Canon.

4. The duties of these associations shall be to promote the missionary spirit in their respective districts, to co-operate with the Board of Missions in extending the Church, and to advance the welfare of the parishes and Clergy within their borders.

5. Each of the four District associations of the Diocese shall, at its first meeting after Easter, elect three Clerical Delegates who shall represent it in the Board of Missions.

6. Every Parish in this Diocese, having within the year preceding, contributed at least fifty dollars to the funds of the Board, shall be entitled to one Lay representative in the same.

7. The term of service of the Delegates shall commence at the close of the annual Convention.

8. Parochial and Lay Delegates shall be chosen annually at parish meetings, or by the Wardens and Vestry, and shall continue in office until others are chosen in their places, or until the parish has forfeited the right of representation in the Board, by a non-compliance with the conditions of this Canon.

9. The persons so chosen, with the Bishop of the Diocese, who shall be *ex officio* a member, (and, when present, the presiding officer,) shall constitute the Board of Missions, which shall have full charge and control of all monies contributed to its funds, except in so far as they may be limited by donors of funds for special purposes. The members present at any stated or duly notified meeting shall be a quorum.

10. Stated meetings of the Board shall be held at least once in two months.

11. One or more Missionaries at large may be appointed by the Board, whose duty it shall be to visit, explore, and officiate under its direction.

12. For the purpose of securing a full and accurate view of



the missionary operations of the Diocese, it is recommended that each of the four district associations and any other missionary organizations within the Diocese, make an annual report of their doings to the Board of Missions, which reports shall be incorporated in the annual report of the Board to the Convention of the Diocese.

For the Committee,

W. R. BABCOCK, *Chairman.*

The Rev. Benjamin B. Babbitt from the same Committee offered a minority Report, as follows :

The undersigned members of the Committee on the Missionary organization of the Diocese, believing that the Canon recommended by the majority of those members of the Committee who met to act upon the business, will be productive of no good results, and believing that the system, which has grown up under the necessities of the Diocese, and under the control of this Convention, is better than any new one which can be formed, respectfully recommend that no action be taken in the premises.

BENJ. B. BABBITT,  
THEODORE EDSON,  
A. H. WASHBURN.

During the discussion of which, the Convention,

On motion, adjourned.

*Trinity Church, Thursday,  
9 o'clock, A. M.*

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. George H. McKnight, Rector of Christ Church, Springfield.

The minutes of the afternoon session of yesterday were read and approved.

The roll was then called by the Secretary, and some members not present yesterday took seats in the Convention.

The Rev. George M. Randall, D.D., Registrar of the Diocese made the following Report :

The Church Registrar reports,—that since the last Convention he has received a package of Journals of Diocesan Conventions, from the Rev. Joseph H. Clinch, Secretary of this Convention ;—several sermons from the Rev Alfred L. Baury ;—a sketch of the history of St. Mary's Church, Newton Lower Falls, from the Rev. B. F. DeCosta, sundry manuscripts relating to the Massachusetts Convention and Sunday School Society, and a copy of a pamphlet, entitled the Defence of the Episcopal Convention of Massachusetts, A. D., 1832.

The Church Registrar would renewedly call the attention of the Clergy and Laity to the importance of placing in the archives of the Church, such documents or books, as may in any measure contribute to the history of the Church in this Diocese.

Many valuable papers and publications have been already secured. Large additions might easily be made to this collection, essentially enhancing its value, if the Churchmen of Massachusetts would be at but little pains to contribute what they may have in their possession.

GEORGE M. RANDALL, *Church Registrar.*

The Rev. William R. Babcock, Secretary of the Massachusetts Board of Missions, made the following annual Report from that Body :

### **Annual Report of Massachusetts Board of Missions.**

The Massachusetts Board of Missions respectfully present to the Convention their twenty-seventh Annual Report.

The Board held their first meeting for the year, June 2, 1862, and elected a Secretary, Treasurer, and Standing Committees.

Certificates of Election of the following Clerical Delegates were received, namely : The Rev. Drs. Edson, Nicholson and Hoppin, from the Eastern District Association.

The Rev. Drs. Randall and Vail, and the Rev. W. R. Babcock, from the Southern District Association.

And at a subsequent meeting, a Certificate of Election was received, of the Rev. S. P. Parker, D.D., the Rev. J. Field, and the Rev. J. T. Huntington, as Delegates from the Western District Association.

No notice has been received of the appointment of Delegates by the Central District Association.

During the year, five parishes have been represented in the Board, by Lay Delegates, as follows:

Trinity Church, Boston, by Benj. P. Richardson.

St. Paul's Church, Boston, by James B. Dow.

St. Paul's Church, Brookline, by George A. Brown.

St. James's Church, Roxbury, by Charles McBurney.

St. John's Church, Jamaica Plain, by Jonathan Amory.

The last Annual Report of the Treasurer would indicate that a larger number of parishes were entitled to a representation in the Board. But either the parishes have neglected to choose delegates, or the delegates have failed to attend the meetings of the Board.

Appropriations have been made, during the year, at the following rates:

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|-------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|---|---|---------|
| To    | the Missionary at East Boston | -                                | - | - | - | \$150   |
| "     | "                             | North Adams                      | - | - | - | 200     |
| "     | "                             | St. John's, Lowell, (for 6 mos.) |   |   |   | 150     |
| "     | "                             | Ashfield                         | - | - | - | 100     |
| "     | "                             | Wilkinsonville                   | - | - | - | 150     |
| "     | "                             | Van Deusenville                  | - | - | - | 150     |
| "     | "                             | Clappville                       | - | - | - | 100     |
| "     | "                             | Swansea                          | - | - | - | 100     |
| "     | "                             | Chicopee                         | - | - | - | 200     |
| "     | "                             | Plymouth                         | - | - | - | 200     |
| "     | "                             | Lynn                             | - | - | - | 100     |
| "     | "                             | Stockbridge                      | - | - | - | 150     |
| Total | -                             | -                                | - | - | - | \$1,750 |

The Treasurer acknowledges the receipt of the following sums, namely :

|                                         |           |           |
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| For the Massachusetts Board of Missions | -         | \$1788.06 |
| From the Eastern District Association   | -         | 1025.88   |
| From the Southern District Association  | -         | 764.13    |
|                                         |           | <hr/>     |
| Total                                   | - - - - - | \$3578.07 |

The Board is now free from debt and there is a small balance in the hands of the Treasurer.

No new missionary stations have been adopted during the past year. The Missionaries of the Board are believed to have labored with their usual fidelity and success.

We have pleasure in reporting, that after a long interval of inaction, services have been resumed in Christ Church, Plymouth, under the efficient ministry of the Rev. W. H. Brooks, D.D., as missionary, and under circumstances which warrant the hope of a vigorous and permanent growth of the church in that interesting field.

Meetings of the Associations in their several Districts, have been held during the year ; in the Southern and Eastern Districts with regularity and frequency. But as the Convention has hitherto made no provision for an Annual Report of any missionary operations in the diocese, except those of this Board, we can offer no official statement of the labors of the Associations, beyond the Treasurer's report of the amounts received from them respectively.

The acknowledged missionary contributions, from all sources, have been unusually small, during the past year. But we are unwilling to believe that there has been any diminution of interest in the missionary work. On the contrary, the Board would express the hope, that the larger contributions of the coming year, for maintaining and extending the church in this diocese, will more than compensate for any past deficiency.

For the Board, W. R. BABCOCK,  
Secretary.

Which Report was, on motion, accepted.

The Rev. William R. Nicholson, D.D., from the Board of Missions to Seamen in this Diocese, made the following annual Report :

### **Report of the Board of Missions for Seamen.**

The Diocesan Board of Missions to Seamen respectfully report to the Convention, that the present condition of the work entrusted to their care is indeed encouraging, and full of promise for the future. They have every reason to be assured of the current effectiveness of their labors among the seamen of this port, and under God, they indulge the hope of a still increasing usefulness.

Since the meeting of the previous Convention, our new chapel has been completed, and we have returned to our former location on Commercial street. The Bishop of the Diocese and several of the clergy of the Church attended the opening service on the 16th of November last; when the chapel was filled, and the religious exercises were appropriate and impressive. The chapel is admirably arranged for our purposes, and will seat from 150 to 200 persons. The expenses of finishing and furnishing amounted to about four hundred dollars; all of which has been paid, and the Mission is now entirely free from debt. One thing, however, yet wanting, is necessary to our completeness, viz., a plain, simple service of plate for the Communion Table. Will not some of our friends do us the grace to supply this want? Are there not stewards of God who will gladly make us the recipients of their ministry, while they minister as of the ability which God giveth?

The number of seamen here now is much smaller than in former years; owing first, to the damaging effects of the war on the commerce of this port, and secondly, to the great demand for sailors in the naval service. We do not find them in such large numbers at the boarding-houses and the wharves, as heretofore; whence, therefore, we cannot gather so many of them into our congregations. And yet the attendance of seamen has

been good—very good in these circumstances; and we trust that the blessing of God hath been upon our labors. We have striven to be the bearers of good tidings in the distribution of tracts and religious periodicals, and the welcome messengers of relief in furnishing gratuitously articles of clothing to the poor and destitute. But, most of all, we have looked for the results of our work in the religious services of the chapel; and there, indeed, God hath been with us. The enlightening and saving effects of the truth as it is in Jesus—the power of the Gospel to turn the heart from sin and Satan unto God—rejoicings in a felt, present Saviour, full, free, and all-sufficient—the love of God shed abroad in the heart by the Holy Ghost given—the eye of faith turned from present miseries to the blest recompense of reward—and all this as set in the midst of our own chaste and chastening liturgy,—these things have been often consciously manifest; and within our little chapel, many of the suffering, toil-worn sons of the ocean have had “times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord.” For these things we are grateful to God, and to Him be all the glory.

The Board desire to record their deep sense of obligation to the earnest, faithful, and loving ministry of their missionary; and they would make this public acknowledgment of their indebtedness to the Managers of the Seamen’s Clothing Fund, to the Massachusetts Bible Society, to the American Tract Society, and to numerous friends who have made this Mission the almoner of their bounty, and filled our treasury with all needed supplies.

For the Board,

WM. R. NICHOLSON.

Which Report was, on motion, accepted.

The Rev. Alfred L. Baury, Treasurer of the Society for the relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen of the Diocese, presented his annual account. (See Appendix.)

The Rev. John T. Burrill, from the Committee on unfinished business, reported.



That the business lying over from the last Convention is the consideration of the report of the Committee on the "Order of Business" recorded on pages 32-37 of the Journal, and the Resolution on the proposed "Amendments to Article III. of the Constitution," recorded on page 53, both of which have already been acted upon.

J. T. BURRILL, *Chairman*.

Mr. F. Coggs well, from the Committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts, made the following Report :

The undersigned, appointed for that purpose, have examined the account of the Treasurer for the past year, and find the same to be correctly cast and properly vouched, and that there is in his hands a balance amounting to one hundred and seventeen dollars and ninety-six cents.

Respectfully submitted,

F. COGGSWELL, } *Committee.*  
F. H. STIMPSON, }

The Rev. J. S. Copley Greene, from the Committee appointed by the last Convention for the increase of the Episcopal Fund, made the following Report :

The Committee appointed by the last Annual Convention to devise measures for the Increase of the Episcopal Fund and to "report at the next Convention," respectfully submit the following Report :

The Committee, by some accident or inadvertence, were not informed of the duties assigned them until a late day. In the meantime, their number had been reduced by the death of the late Hon. Edward A. Newton, and by the departure for the Seat of War of Major Russell Sturgis, Jr.

The five remaining members of the Committee, having duly considered the subject and being deeply impressed with its importance, were of opinion that an appeal should be made without delay to the Churchmen of Massachusetts in behalf of the cause committed to them. They accordingly issued the accom-



panying Circular, which they desire to have considered as a part of this Report.

They are happy to say that some liberal contributions have been received in reply to this appeal ; but not enough to justify the expectation that the work can be accomplished without renewed and more vigorous exertions in all parts of the Diocese. They are of opinion that, as the Episcopate of Massachusetts has relation to all the Churches and all the members of the Churches alike, so all the Churches and all the members of the Churches should do their part in providing for its independent and respectable maintenance. And, in the opinion of the undersigned, systematic measures should forthwith be adopted, through a large Committee, in which all parts of the Diocese should be represented, for securing the co-operation of the whole Church of Massachusetts in the accomplishment of an object of ~~great~~ general interest and importance.

With a view to leave the Convention at liberty to arrange such a Committee, the undersigned ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

ROBT. C. WINTHROP,  
J. S. COPLEY GREENE,  
SAM'L. L. CROCKER,  
EDWARD S. RAND,  
J. S. WARREN.

#### CIRCULAR.

At the last meeting of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Massachusetts, the Right Rev. BISHOP EASTBURN concluded his Annual Address as follows :—

“ And now, before concluding the present Address, I beg to call the attention of this body to a subject which has for some time occupied my thoughts,—namely, the desirableness of my ceasing to connect with the administration of this Diocese the labors of the Rector of Trinity Church, Boston. It is now nearly twenty years since I began my work as your Bishop ; and, during that period, there has been, through God's blessing, a gradual but large increase in the number of Parishes in the



Diocese, and consequently in the field of Episcopal labor. I now feel, therefore, that the time has come when I cannot continue to combine the two offices of Bishop and Rector, without either, on the one hand, incurring the risk of injury to my health by too much work; or, on the other, allowing the interests of the Diocese or the Parish to suffer through the want of requisite attention. I am sure that this Convention will acknowledge, that the various portions of this now extensive vineyard need constant and active Episcopal care; and I equally believe that they will not be willing, if they can help it, to see me, in the endeavor to meet these demands in conjunction with the requirements of a Parochial cure, oppressed with a double burden too heavy for me to bear.

“What I would request is, that this Convention may take measures for the speedy addition of such a sum to the existing Episcopal Fund of the Diocese, as will enable me to be released from all Parochial responsibilities. I commend the subject to your prompt action.”

The subject, thus introduced and urged by the Bishop, was thereupon referred to a Committee, who reported, that, in their opinion, “it was exceedingly desirable that the Bishop should be relieved of the charge of a Parish,” and “that the interests of the Diocese would be greatly promoted if more of his time could be given to all the Parishes.”

This Report was accepted by the Convention; and the undersigned were appointed a Committee to devise measures for the increase of the Episcopal Fund, and to report to the next Convention.

It can hardly be necessary to enlarge upon the importance of establishing a sufficient Fund for the support of the Bishop of this Diocese, independently of any Parochial salary. Such a measure is due at once to the Bishop and to the Diocese. After twenty years of laborious service, during which he has performed the double duties of Bishop of the Diocese and Rector of Trinity Church, Bishop Eastburn is certainly entitled to the proposed relief; while, at the same time, the increase of the number of

Parishes during that period has been such as to render it impossible for any one to do justice to both offices.

It is universally felt throughout the Diocese, that the interests of the Church would be greatly promoted if the time of the Bishop could be exclusively devoted to his Diocesan duties.

The Episcopal Fund already established yields only about a thousand dollars per annum. The Bishop has received an annual salary of three thousand dollars from Trinity Church. It is thought that a salary of four thousand dollars would be no more than right and reasonable for the Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts, and that the Fund should be increased until it yields that amount.

By one of the Canons of the Church, adopted in 1844, it is provided as follows :

“ In every Parish in this Diocese, a collection shall be annually made on Trinity Sunday, and paid over to the Treasurer of the Trustees of Donations of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese, to be added to the permanent Fund for the support of the Bishop of this Diocese ; and the said Treasurer shall report annually to this Convention the amount by him received from each Parish.”

Had this Canon been faithfully observed during the nineteen years which have elapsed since it was adopted, it can hardly be doubted that a sufficient Fund would have already been accumulated. But little or nothing has been received from this source ; and the Bishop of the Diocese has been mainly supported, during the whole period, by the single Parish of which he has been Rector.

There is the best authority for saying, that this Parish would most gladly retain his services still longer ; and, indeed, that the congregation of Trinity Church were never less disposed to part with their Rector than at this moment. Yet no one can hesitate to admit, that the interests of the Diocese, and the personal claims of the Bishop, should prevail over the views or interests of any single congregation.

There is, moreover, a positive objection to allowing the support of the Bishop to be longer dependent on any single Parish

**Of his Diocese.** However satisfactory such a dependence may have been heretofore, or might continue to be during the life of the present Bishop, were his health and strength adequate to the double duties, it must be obvious to all, that great embarrassments would arise if no Episcopal Fund had been created before a vacancy in the Bishopric should again occur. It is hoped, that, in the good providence of God, that event may still be far distant; but, whenever it may happen, it can hardly be in the contemplation of the Diocese, that the election of a Bishop should again be permitted to be complicated with that of a Rector for any particular Parish, which may chance to be able or willing to furnish a salary for his support.

Under all circumstances, the undersigned feel confident that the friends of the Church in Massachusetts will agree with them, that no time ought to be lost in putting the Episcopate on an independent foundation, as a measure not less important to the present and future welfare of the Diocese, than it is due to the personal wishes and claims of the present incumbent.

It is only necessary to add, that any sums which may now be contributed for the purpose will be incorporated with the existing Episcopal Fund, on the condition that the interest on such additions shall continue to be added to the principal, until the Bishop shall cease to be connected with any Parochial charge, and shall be free to devote his whole time to his Diocesan duties.

Contributions are earnestly solicited from parishes and from individuals. They may be sent to either of the undersigned, or to JAMES C. MERRILL, Esq., (39 Court Street, Boston,) the Treasurer of the Trustees of Donations.

ROBERT C. WINTHROP,  
J. S. COPLEY GREENE,  
J. SULLIVAN WARREN,  
EDWARD S. RAND,  
SAMUEL L. CROCKER.

Boston, March 10, 1863.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the increase of the

Episcopal Fund be discharged, and that a nominating Committee be appointed by the Chair, to suggest the names of a new Committee on the increase of the Episcopal Fund.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the nominating Committee shall consist of three members.

The Chair appointed as that Committee the following gentlemen.

The Rev. J. S. Copley Greene, Samuel L. Crocker—Eliakim Littell.

The Rev. E. M. P. Wells, D.D., presented the following Report of the Margaret Coffin Prayer Book Society :

### **Report of the Margaret Coffin Prayer Book Society**

FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL, 1863.

To-day being the Anniversary of the Birth-day of the founder of our Society,—Madam Margaret Coffin,—of blessed memory we are called together, in obedience to our By-Laws, to hold our annual meeting ; and it becomes my duty, by the same law, to report to you the distribution of Prayer Books the past year, and, in connection with the treasurer, the receipt of funds for the same time.

A year and a half since, a member of this Board, wishing to do something for our army, compiled a small book,—easily carried in any pocket,—a selection from the Book of Common Prayer, for their use.

From this, the appointed service for the Sundays and common days of the year, can be regularly performed, by using the selection of Psalms instead of the Psalter, as allowed. To this has since been added the Burial service. This he had stereotyped, and gave the plates to this Society, together with five hundred copies neatly bound. The whole expense, which he paid himself, was but little over \$100. This little book has been much liked and sought for. It has been sent for again and again from as

far west as Missouri, and South as Port Royal and Florida. Many interesting and affecting letters and messages have been sent home respecting this Soldier's Prayer Book. Officers who had no chaplains, and chaplains of various denominations, have sent for this book, urging the preference given to it by the men. They will sometimes buy them if they cannot get them without. The highest price I ever knew offered for a Prayer Book was by a profane sailor in one of Admiral Dupont's ships. He said to the agent, who belonged to the ship, "If you will give me one of those little Prayer Books, I will leave off swearing." He gave him one, and the agent writes that he has never known of his swearing since. State Street or Wall Street cannot show better payment than that.

Of this book we have published in all ten thousand nine hundred and one copies, but few of which now remain on hand.

We have also published one thousand copies of the full Prayer Book, of large, clear type. These have been distributed the past year, together with what were then on hand of our previous edition.

The monies received, as reported by the Treasurer,—amount to \$592.81.

During the past half year, one Society, auxiliary to this Society, has been formed, viz., at St. Mary's Church, Dorchester. May not this good example be followed?

We are now in want of a new edition of the full Book of Common Prayer. We have but a few copies left.

All which is respectfully submitted,

BY THE PRESIDENT.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That in the election of the Registrar of the Diocese balloting be dispensed with.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Rev. George M. Randall, D.D., the former Registrar, be re-elected.

The hour having arrived for the elections of the members of the several organizations of the Diocese,

The Chair appointed the Rev. William Horton, D.D., and the Rev. J. L. Watson, D.D., tellers to collect, count and sort the votes for the Standing Committee.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That in the election of a Board of Missions to Seamen, balloting be dispensed with.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the former Board be re-elected, viz :

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|                            | Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D.D., |                     |
| The Rev. George D. Wildes, |                                 | George A. Brown,    |
| " Wm. R. Nicholson, D.D.,  |                                 | Richard Girdler,    |
| " Geo. S. Converse,        |                                 | E. P. Tileston,     |
| Benj. C. Clark,            |                                 | Chas. Henry Parker, |
| Stephen G. Deblois,        |                                 | James S. Amory,     |
| Russell Sturgis, Jr.,      |                                 | Charles T. Howard.  |

On motion,

*Resolved*, That in the election of a Committee on hospitality, balloting be dispensed with.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the former Committee be re-elected.

The Rev. Wm. R. Nicholson, D.D., having withdrawn his name from that Committee, it was,

On motion,

*Resolved*, That his resignation be accepted.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on hospitality be empowered to fill vacancies in their Body.

The Rev. Theo. W. Snow from the Executive Committee, made a report, recommending that the third Wednesday

of May, 1864, be the time, and Trinity Church, Boston, the place, for the meeting of the next Convention, and that the preacher be the Rev. James I. T. Coolidge, and that the Rev. George S. Converse be the substitute.

Which report was, on motion, accepted.

The Rev. S. Russell Jones, from the Committee on Finance, presented the following Report :

### Report of the Finance Committee.

The Committee on Finance report that the Treasurer of this Convention be authorized to pay the travelling expenses of the Clerical members thereof making application, provided that their respective Parishes have paid the annual assessment, as required by the Canon of 1849, respecting contingent expenses.

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| The Rev. Thomas B. Flower,     | - | - | - | - | \$10.00 |
| " Samuel B. Shaw,              | - | - | - | - | 10.00   |
| " Jesse A. Penniman,           | - | - | - | - | 10.00   |
| S. RUSSELL JONES, } Committee. |   |   |   |   |         |
| E. LITTELL,                    |   |   |   |   |         |

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the above report be accepted.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Convention authorize a Committee, consisting of the members of the present Executive Committee, to prepare and issue in proper form, the appointments for Episcopal Visitation, and the occasional prayers issued by the Bishop of the Diocese; to have a copy thereof transmitted by the Secretary of the Convention, to every Clergyman within the Diocese, and to each Parish, not having a Clergyman; the expenses to be defrayed from the Convention Fund.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Journal of the Convention be printed



under the direction of the Secretary of the Convention, and the Executive Committee.

The Rev. William Horton, D.D., from the Committee collect and count the votes for a Standing Committee, reported that the Convention has made choice of the following

*Clergy.**Laity.*

The Rev. Geo. M. Randall, D.D., Otis Daniell,

“ Theodore Edson, D.D., Geo. C. Shattuck, M.D.  
Charles H. Parker,

and that there is one vacancy in the Clerical members.

The Convention then proceeded to ballot for a Clergyman to fill the vacancy in the Standing Committee.

The Rev. J. S. Copley Greene, from the Committee nominate a Committee on the Increase of the Episcopal Fund, reported the following names:

B. T. Read, Emmanuel Church; J. Sullivan Warren, Paul's Church; J. C. Dunn, St. Paul's Church; Robert Mason, Grace Church; Dr. Jeffries, Trinity Church; Dr. G. C. Shattuck, Church of the Advent; Charles H. Parker, Church of the Advent; Otis Daniell, Newton L. Falls; E. R. Mud, Emmanuel Church; Peter Hubbell, Charlestown; F. W. Piman, Salem; Rev. W. Horton, Newburyport; Francis Cogwell, Andover; J. P. Ellicott, Jamaica Plain; Dr. W. Richard Waltham; James C. Merrill, Cambridge; Rev. J. S. C. Greene, Newton Corner; James S. Amory, Brookline; A. A. Lawren, Brookline; Charles McBurney, Roxbury; Edward S. Ralston, Dedham; S. L. Crocker, Taunton; Edmund Rodman, Needham Bedford; Walter C. Durfee, Fall River; A. H. Bullock, Worcester; Mr. Heebner, Lee; J. B. Stebbins, Springfield; Oliver Root, Pittsfield; George Curtis, Hanover; John O. Green, Lowell.

We have endeavored to nominate a general Committee representing most of the prominent Parishes in the Diocese. If :

names can be suggested from any of the Parishes omitted, the nominating Committee will gladly add such names to the list.

Respectfully submitted,

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| J. S. COPLEY GREENE,<br>S. L. CROCKER,<br>E. LITTELL, | } Committee. |
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Which report was, on motion, adopted.

The Rev. Thomas H. Vail, D.D., proposed that the following be accepted by the Convention for consideration, as a substitute for the 9th Article of the Constitution. "This Constitution shall not be subject to alteration in any Article, except at the annual meeting of the Convention; nor unless such alteration shall have been proposed in writing and approved by the Convention at the annual meeting next previous to its adoption."

Which proposal was, on motion, accepted.

The Rev. Thomas H. Vail, D.D., from the Committee on the amendment of the Constitution, made the following Report :

The Committee appointed by the last Convention (see Journal 1862, pp. 53, 54) to take into consideration the whole subject of the qualification of members, and report to the next Convention such an Amendment of the 3d Article of the Constitution as in their judgment shall be advisable, have held two meetings, and carefully considered the subject committed to them, and present, as a substitute for the second paragraph of the 3d Article, which has reference to the qualifications of Clerical Members, the following :

"The Bishop and the Assistant Bishop, when there is one, shall have a seat and a vote in the Convention. Every Clergyman, being a settled Minister,—or having regularly officiated in some Parish within this Diocese for six months next preceding the meeting of the Convention—or being a President, Professor, Tutor, or Instructor in some College or Seminary of learning,

and performing clerical functions,—or being a Missionary under the direction of the Ecclesiastical authority of this Diocese,—or being a Chaplain in the Army or Navy of the United States or in any benevolent or other public institution,—if he has been actually as well as canonically resident within this Diocese and have been performing the duties of his office, for the space of six calendar months next before the meeting of the Convention,—or if he have been canonically instituted,—shall be entitled to a seat and vote in this Convention. Every Clergyman, other than those specified, canonically resident in this Diocese, shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership, with the exception of the right to vote. No Clergyman, who has been and otherwise would be entitled to a seat and vote in this Convention, shall, for reason of advanced years or infirm health, or temporary absence be divested of such privilege."

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following Resolution :

*Resolved*, That the alteration here proposed of the second paragraph of the 3d Article of the Constitution be accepted by the Convention for consideration.

The Committee also present as a substitute for the third paragraph of the same Article, which has reference to the qualifications of Lay Members, the following :

" Every Parish in this Diocese, in union with this Convention shall be entitled to send to the Convention, Lay-Delegates not exceeding three, who shall be Communicants of this Church, or also stated worshippers in, and members of, the parish which they represent ; a certificate of whose appointment and qualification signed by the Wardens or Parish Clerk, shall, before their admission to a seat, be laid before the Convention. The delegation from each parish shall be entitled, on a division by orders, to bring one vote."

The Committee further recommend the adoption of the following Resolution :

*Resolved*, That the alteration here proposed of the 3d para-

graph of the 3d Article of the Constitution be accepted by the Convention for consideration.

For the Committee,

THOMAS H. VAIL, *Chairman.*

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the first amendment of the second paragraph of the 3d Article of the Constitution recommended in the above report be accepted by this Convention for consideration.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That when this Convention adjourn, it shall adjourn to 4 o'clock, this P. M.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the 2d Resolution of the report of the Committee, on the amendment of the third paragraph of the 3d Article of the Constitution, be indefinitely postponed.

The Rev. Wm. Horton, D.D., from the Committee to collect and count the votes for a Clerical member of the Standing Committee, reported that the Convention have made choice of the Rev. Thomas R. Lambert, and that the Standing Committee is therefore full.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Convention now adjourn.

Adjourned.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The report from the Committee on the Missionary organization of the Diocese, which was under discussion when the Convention adjourned last evening, was again called up.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the subject referred to in the report of the Committee be indefinitely postponed.

The Rev. Thomas H. Vail, D.D., from the Committee on New Parishes reported that application had been made by Grace Church, Malden, to be admitted into union with this Convention; that the application is made in due form and that the Committee therefore recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That Grace Church, Malden, be admitted into union with this Convention.

The certificate of election of Lay Delegates was handed in, and the names called over by the Secretary as follows:

*Grace Church, Malden.* J. S. D. Cushing, Samuel Woods.

Who appeared and took their seats.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That one thousand copies of the Journal be printed.

Richard H. Dana, Jr., offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, Assembling in this consecrated and time honored place, for the discharge of our high duties, our hearts are saddened by the reflection that we are not again to see on earth, one of our number, eminent in character, eminent in usefulness, as well in the Church throughout the nation, as in the Diocese.

We feel that in the death of the Hon. Edward A. Newell the Church and the community have lost a finished gentleman, an honorable counsellor, a cheerful giver, a patriot, an earnest churchman and a devout Christian. And while we console ourselves with the knowledge,

in accordance with the sublime petition he has so often uttered, he was "gathered unto his fathers, having the testimony of a good conscience, in the Communion of the Catholic Church, in the confidence of a certain faith, and in the comfort of a reasonable, religious and holy hope,"—we owe it to his memory, to ourselves and to the estimation of him in every Diocese in the land, that we put on record here, and hand down to posterity, our sense of his valuable public services and extraordinary personal worth.

*Resolved*, That these resolutions be entered upon the records, and that the Secretary transmit a copy of them to the family of the deceased.

Which, on motion, were adopted.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That a Committee on Missionary meetings during the session of the Convention be appointed by the Chair.

- The Chair appointed the Rev. George M. Randall, D.D., The Rev. Wm. R. Nicholson, D.D., Edward S. Rand and Wm. B. Reynolds, as that Committee.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That after the usual devotional exercises the Convention adjourn.

The Convention then united in singing the 17th Hymn, and after prayer and benediction by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned, *sine die*.

Attest:

JOSEPH H. CLINCH, *Secretary*.

WM. HENRY BROOKS, *Assistant Sec'y*.

## APPENDIX.

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### PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

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#### **Suffolk County.**

#### *Trinity Church, Boston.*

#### THE BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE, Rector.

Baptisms, (adults 4, infants 10,) 14. Marriages, 6. Burials, 20. Confirmed, 12. Communicants, 360. Sunday Scholars, 138. Teachers, 23.

The contributions have been as follows :—Communion Offerings, \$807.80; Diocesan Missions, \$1046.98; American Church Missionary Society, (For. Missions, \$170, Domestic, \$297) \$467; City Missions, \$557; For church building, \$527; Education in Kenyon College, \$151; American Bible Society, \$722; Collected at the Price Lectures, \$142; Diocesan Seamen's Mission, \$994.50; Seamen's Clothing Fund, \$95.91; Church Home for Orphan and Destitute Children, \$254; Trinity Church Charitable Society for Clothing the Poor, \$486; Theological Education, \$50; For Griswold College, Iowa, \$760; Offertory Collection at Convention for Widows and Orphans of Clergymen, \$82.32; For Trinity Church Sunday School, \$210.93; Various other benevolent objects, \$1062. Total, \$8416.44.

*Christ Church, Boston.*

THE REV. JOHN T. BURRILL, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 30, adults 2,) 32. Confirmed, 14. Communicants: added, 24; died or removed 20; present number, 71. Marriages, 19. Burials, 20. Sunday School Scholars, 90; Teachers, 11. Contributions: American Church Missionary Society, \$15; American Bible Society, \$5.15; City Missions, \$50; Communion offerings, \$65.38; Other religious purposes within the Parish, \$141; Sunday School, \$11. Total, \$287.53.

*St. Paul's Church, Boston.*

THE REV. WILLIAM R. NICHOLSON, D.D., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 13, adults 3,) 16. Confirmed, 9. Communicants, about 400. Marriages, 7. Burials, 19. Contributions: Communion Alms, \$804.36; Diocesan Board of Missions, \$435.30; Diocesan Mission to Seamen, \$100; City Missions, \$60; Ladies' Missionary Society for Diocesan and Domestic Missions, \$600; Domestic Board of Missions, \$100; American Church Missionary Society, \$300; Massachusetts Auxiliary American Church Missionary Society, \$400; Special Missionary Work in the Diocese, \$100; Foreign Missions, \$1403.89; Church at Hyde Park, \$150; St. Paul's Room in Gambier Seminary, \$50; Griswold College, \$805; Education for the Ministry at Gambier, \$320; Christian Commission for the Soldiers, \$762.98; American Bible Society, \$445; Ladies' Society for the Industrious Poor of the Parish, \$445.75; St. Stephen's House, \$2; Episcopal Fund, \$500; Special Appropriations, \$614.50. Total of benevolent contributions, \$8398.78. Our Easter collection amounted to \$2918, and is included in the above distributions.

Of the sum given to Foreign Missions, the Sunday School raised \$728.89, and of this sum from the Sunday School, twenty-



five dollars were specially given to the Cape Palmas Orphan Asylum.

*Grace Church, Boston.*

THE REV. S. H. HILLIARD, (Deacon,) Minister in Charge.

Report for six weeks, from Easter, 1863. Baptisms, (infants 10, adults 5,) 15. Communicants : number last reported, 200 ; present number not definitely ascertained. Marriages, 1. Burials, 1. Sunday School : Superintendent 1 ; Librarian, 1 ; Teachers about 25 ; Scholars, including two Bible Classes, present attendance about 115. Offertory : For objects outside the Parish ; Diocesan Missions, Massachusetts Board, \$44.96 ; For the Christian Commission for the Army and Navy, \$25.28. For objects within the Parish : Communion Offertory, \$45.87 ; Sunday School, \$1 ; Treasury of general Committee for Parish Work probably something over \$100. The Church is conducted on the Free Church system, and the weekly offertory—exclusive of some pledges—has averaged, between forty and fifty dollars. The system thus far has worked well.

I took charge of Grace Church, Boston, on Easter Day, April 5, 1863, and this imperfect report, therefore, embraces only a period of about six weeks. During that period God has blessed us—in temporal matters—with a prosperity far beyond our most sanguine anticipations. The Church is eminently adapted to be a free Church, and the fruits of the system are already very manifest.

It is hoped, that the earnest activity on the part of the people—which is certainly very well worthy of notice—is a manifestation of their real interest in the great cause committed to the Church by its Head.

A General Committee for Parish and Missionary work has been organized, with the Minister as President. The other officers are a Secretary and Treasurer. This Committee has appointed several Sub-Committees to take in hand various departments of Parish and Missionary work, which Committees are already

actively engaged in the good work. A report of the various operations is made by the General Committee to the Parish, once a fortnight.

The Sunday School has increased in this short time from an attendance of about 15 Teachers and 88 Scholars, to an attendance of 23 Teachers and 115 Scholars. We have received from a few kindly disposed individuals, a donation of about a hundred books, for the Sunday School Library, giving us at present a collection of over 800 books. The Sewing School numbers about fifty Scholars, meeting weekly.

A Mother's Meeting is held weekly, and a Sewing Circle once a fortnight.

The Canvassing and Visiting Committees are busily at work.

We are looking forward with great pleasure, to the visitation of the Bishop of the Diocese on the approaching Whit-Sunday, and hope to present a class of about 15 candidates.

The church is open for morning prayer on all the days for which a special service is appointed by the Prayer Book, and a service is held every Tuesday evening, in the basement, followed by a Bible lecture.

The Minister catechises the children in the church once a month; and the children spend about an hour every Sunday afternoon in singing. The Minister, choir and congregation practice for the singing of the following day, every Saturday evening.

We have reason to "thank God and take courage," and may hope that it will be our privilege to reap some of that harvest, the seeds of which were so abundantly sown and faithfully watered by the late lamented Rector.

### *Church of the Messiah, Boston.*

THE REV. GEORGE M. RANDALL, D.D., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 14, adults 7,) 21. Confirmed, 17. Communicants: added, 22; died or removed, 16; present number,

347. Burials, 12. Marriages, 11. Sunday School: Scholars, 150; Teachers, 28. Contributions: Communion Alms, \$279.46; other Collections for the Poor, \$37.28; Quarterly Collections, \$261.58; Monthly Offerings, \$350; Parish Sunday School, \$100; Mission School, \$85.46; Visitor of the Poor, \$37; Seamen's Aid Society, \$12; Church Home, \$24. Total, \$1186.78. Of this sum \$100 were for Diocesan Missions, \$50 for General Domestic Missions, \$25 for Widows and Orphans Society, \$350 for objects within the Parish.

*Church of the Advent, Boston.*

THE REV. JAMES A. BOLLES, D.D., Rector.

THE REV. M. P. STICKNEY, A. M., Assistant.

Baptisms, (infants 32, adults 11,) 43. Confirmed, 22. Communicants: added, 23; removed, 11; total, 496. Marriages, 11. Burials, 30. Sunday School: Teachers, 24; Scholars, 120; total, 144. Church open for public worship three times every Sunday, and twice every other day. The Holy Communion administered on all Sundays and Holy Days. Offerings: Received through the Offertory on Sundays and Holy Days, \$8507.98; through the Alms Chest, \$871.31; otherwise contributed for Church objects, within the knowledge of the Rector, \$2326.64. Total, \$11705.93. Of this sum there has been expended for the purpose of the Parish, \$7071.85; For the relief of the Poor of the Church, \$1126.28. The balance \$3527.80 has been expended for various Church objects outside of the Parish, as,—Domestic and Foreign Missions, Diocesan Missions, the Church Book Society, the General Theological Seminary, the Protestant Episcopal Tract Society, Church Mission Schools, Nashotah and Faribault; Church Colleges, Trinity and Griswold; Church Hospitals, Church Building, and the endowment of the Episcopate of Massachusetts.

During the past year, as before, the Free Church System has proved a decided success, and we hope ere long to have a new

building, in which to worship God, according to the dignified forms and impressive solemnities of the Protestant Episcopal Church. *Laus Deo!*

*St. Mark's Church, Boston.*

THE REV. C. F. KNIGHT, Rector.

Baptisms, (adults 6, infants 22,) 28. Confirmed, 13. Communicants, 280. Burials, 14. Marriages, 7. Sunday School Scholars, 120. Teachers, 17. Offerings from Sunday School, \$40.23. Contributions: Offertory for the Poor, \$335.14; Alms Chest, \$40.43; for other religious purposes, within the Parish, \$1021.11; without the Parish, \$143.98. Total, \$1580.89.

*Emmanuel Church, Boston.*

THE REV. F. D. HUNTINGTON, D.D., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 45, adults 14,) 59. Confirmed, 41, one at Trinity Church. Burials, 22. Marriages, 10. Communicants about 300. Sunday Scholars: 140 in the Parish Sunday School, and 150 in the Mission. Communion Offerings: \$1008.93; Special gifts for the Poor, \$228.50; all offerings for Domestic Missions, \$1134.61; Foreign Missions, \$260.96; Bible Society, \$456; Education of young men for the Ministry, \$394.50; Diocesan Missions and Charities, \$1273.39; Prayer Books for Soldiers, \$94.85; Parish objects, including Mission School, \$981.33; Donations to "Griswold College," Iowa, about \$900. Total, \$6783.07.

The Mission and Sunday School in the Ninth Ward have been carried on in a suitable Hall on the corner of Washington and Common streets. During most of the year, the Rev. Charles H. Learoyd has had charge of this work. Services have been regularly held on Friday and Sunday evenings, and through Lent, and on Sunday mornings also. Several of the persons baptised

and Confirmed have been brought in through the Mission. Visiting among the poor has been constantly done by Lay co-operation; Bibles, Prayer-Books and tracts have been distributed, and an industrial School has been kept open on Saturday afternoons. A "Clothing Department" has been in steady operation, and an "Employing Department" for poor women, through which 1837 garments have been made, and 1771 sold.

*St. Stephen's Chapel, Boston.*

THE REV. E. M. P. WELLS, D.D., Missionary.

THE REV. JOHN L. WATSON, D.D., Assistant.

Baptisms, (adult 1, infants 64,) 65. Confirmed, 14. Marriages, 20. Burials, 41. Public services, 823. Sermons and Addresses in Church, 182. Catechisings, "openly in the Church," 12 times. Holy Communion administered 21 times. Missionary and other Church donations by the Parish, \$1527. Sunday School: Superintendent, 1; Librarian, 1; Teachers, 18; Scholars, 186. Total, 206.

Donations received by voluntary Offerings for the Poor, as by the late annual Report, \$5911. Given out as follows: Provisions and Board, \$1964.82; Rents, \$1016.75; Clothing \$900.24; Sickness, \$344.78; Fires, stoves, and lights, \$325.51; Burials, \$75.82; Furniture and bedding, \$134.99; appropriated by the donors, \$344.54; moving and travel, \$7.95; work done by the poor, and for the poor, \$719.16; printing and books, \$44.73; sundries, \$31.78.

\$5272 of the above donations have furnished, at and from St. Stephen's House, the following items: 43,473 meals; 7,089 lodgings; 909 loaves given out to families; 845 parcels of tea and sugar; 372 small bags of flour and meal; 2,156 pairs of shoes, stockings, trousers, jackets, flannels, shirts, &c.; 281 second hand garments; 70 large bed-comforters and blankets; 288 weeks' rent; 252 weeks' nursing and cases of special relief

in sickness ; 169 parcels of fuel ; 746 days' work and jobs done by the poor, and for the poor, and fairly paid for ; 2,547 articles of clothing, made by the poor, and for the poor, and fairly paid for.

*St. Matthew's Church, South Boston.*

THE REV. J. I. T. COOLIDGE, Rector.

Baptisms, 34. Confirmed, 10. Communicants : added, 25 ; removed or died, 13 ; present number, about 160. Marriages, 19. Burials, 29. Sunday School Scholars, 200. Missionary Contributions : General Board, \$53 ; Diocesan \$20 ; other contributions, within the Parish, \$584.77 ; without the Parish, \$90. Total, \$747.77.

*St. John's Church, East Boston.*

THE REV. HENRY MCCLORY, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 33, adults 4,) 37. Communicants : present number about 100. Confirmed, 16. Marriages, 9. Burials, 17. Sunday School Scholars, 130.

The enlargement and alterations in our church, of which mention was made in last year's report, are now completed. The capacity of the church is double what it was, and even now, we are more pressed for room than before the enlargement was made.

The cost was more than two thousand dollars, but the people met it with a willingness and liberality that is commendable.

Many thanks to the Board of Missions, for a long continuance of support. We shall ask no more, but will endeavor to repay, at least in part, that which we received.

*Diocesan Mission to Seamen.*

Chapel 291 Commercial Street, Boston.

This Mission has been established for a period of 18 years, and all that time has quietly and steadily been doing its share in the great work of disseminating the Gospel among Seamen.

Our principles and plans of operation remain the same as heretofore. We preach Christ as the only hope of the sinner, we circulate the Scriptures, we send abroad Tracts and religious periodicals, and we furnish articles of clothing to the poor and destitute. All this is done gratuitously. Our chapel is in the broadest sense free to every one, and our supplies of books and clothing are "without money and without price" to the Sailor.

For the ability to carry on these operations, the Mission is largely indebted to the Managers of the Seamen's Clothing Fund, the Massachusetts Bible Society, the American Tract Society, and the contributions of numerous friends of this cause, who have made us distributors of their bounty, and have secured to our treasury thus far all the supplies which we have needed.

During the last year, with the blessing of God, our new chapel has been completed, and we have returned to our former location on Commercial street. It is neatly and appropriately arranged for the services of our Church, and will seat from 150 to 200 persons. The expense of finishing and furnishing it has amounted to about \$400; all of which has been paid, and the Mission is now entirely free from pecuniary obligation. There is one want that remains to be supplied; that is a simple service of plate for the Communion table, to replace that which was lost by the fire when our former chapel was destroyed. The opening service of our new chapel was attended by the Bishop of the Diocese and several of the Clergy, on the 16th of November last. The chapel was well filled, and the services on the occasion were highly appropriate and impressive. Since then, the attendance has been more encouraging than during the former part of the year, notwithstanding the number of Seamen in this Port is much smaller now, owing to the effects of the war. The number of

vessels arriving at this port has fallen off considerably of late ; and this, together with the strong inducements held out to Seamen to enter the Navy, and even the Army, have had the effect of diminishing the attendance of this class at all places of religious worship in this city.

To all who do attend, we have labored to present the simple Gospel as the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth, usually with manifest good results. Our chapel, during the little time we have occupied it, has often been the scene of deep and solemn interest, and I cannot doubt but that souls have there been awakened to a sense of their guilt and danger ; but they remain so short a time with us that the results, in a large number of the cases, are not known ; while in others, we have seen the evidence of true conversion. How many hearts have been softened,—how many strengthened and comforted,—what influence this Mission has had in leading Sailors to the knowledge of the Saviour, is not given us to know.

The Tuesday evening Prayer Meeting, though not attended by large numbers, has been sustained through the year with a good degree of encouragement. At these meetings Seamen have been remembered, and often Seamen themselves have stood up to testify of the love of Christ and the power of the Gospel, in raising them from the depths of degradation into which they had been sinking. The work of distributing Bibles and Tracts among the Seamen who have visited our chapel, has been carried on as usual, and hundreds of copies of the word of God have been sent out by us to cross the seas, and to be read in all parts of the world.

In concluding this report, it is gratifying to be able to state, that the present condition and future prospects of the Mission are such as to justify the full expectation of its continued usefulness.

J. T. BURRILL, *Chaplain.*



*Free Church of St. Mary for Sailors.**Richmond Street, Boston.*

THE REV. JOHN P. ROBINSON, Rector.

Baptisms, (adults 4, infants 20,) 24. Confirmed, 13. Marriages, 14. Funerals, 15.

The Sunday School continues, with sessions, viz : at 9 A. M. and 2 P. M., and holds its full measure of prosperity.

It was with devout gratitude that, one year ago, I was able to announce that during the trials and troubles of the first year of a grievous and civil war, the charities of this Parish and Mission had been unimpaired. With even a more profound gratitude I now can say, that, for the second year of the war, our charities have been not only not impaired, but increased.

Whatever else may be said as to the results of the war, it is undeniably true that it has, with its wide spread affliction, ranging through all classes of the community, opened deep springs of reciprocal sympathy, between the high and low, the rich and poor—and with these touches of nature, made us feel as it were, “the whole world kin.”

The general condition of St. Mary’s is better than ever before. It has been during the past year better sustained, and its charities have taken a wider scope.

The public services of the Church have been well attended, not indeed by so many Seamen as in other years, but by an increased number of those who were eager to pray at this shrine of the Seamen’s affections, *their spiritual home*, for the loved husbands, sons and brothers, far away on the great deep, and now exposed not only to its ordinary perils, but to the added dangers of war, and in many cases of pestilence also.

Having labored so long as I have, (for eighteen years last past) among Seamen, it is not without some feeling of satisfaction as well as with gratitude to God, that I seem to see in this war, those labors becoming visible in fruit in the lives of our Seamen, both as to the spirit with which they discharge their

Duties in the service of their country, and as to their shore life and port life, when not actively engaged. When in modern times, has there been a great war, waged by a great naval power in which its demoralizing effects have not been especially displayed among Seamen, as a class ?

In this war, however, no contrast unfavorable to the Sailor can be drawn between our Army and our Navy, while to the Navy must be conceded the most brilliant successes of the war. The comparatively blameless lives of so many Seamen, joined with so much of the old bravery, gallantry and devotion to their flag, their thrifty care for their families at home, by the admirable allotment system, are worthy of all respect, and cannot fairly be attributed to any other source than the labors of Christian ministers and Christians, for the last thirty-five years, for and among this once neglected class.

This Parish in particular has had its representative members in all the principal affairs of this war. To Hatteras, Port Royal, Pensacola, New Orleans, as well as to the inland affairs on the Cumberland river, and at the batteries of Vicksburg, and Port Hudson, we have sent stout hands and willing hearts, all eager to do their whole duty, and if needs be to die for their country's glory.

A beautiful stone Font, at a cost of about one hundred dollars, has been secured to the Church by the contributions of our own people, and of a few friends of the Parish.

The distribution of Bibles, Testaments, Prayer-Books, and other books for Seamen, has been less than in some former years, as may be seen below.

We have the means of a careful and just scrutiny of all applications for aid. Where we find want, it is in every case promptly relieved ; not condemning the sufferers, because their needs spring from their own sins, (how seldom is it otherwise with any of us,) but with Christian zeal ever *seeking* for those who have gone astray, and hastening to relieve all. At the same time, with our large experience, we are often able to detect those false pretenses of suffering, which absorb so much of the well meant sympathy and charity of those whose lives have not made

them familiar with not only poverty, pure and simple, but with the duplicities of those who imitate its outside for the sake of greedy gain.

*Book Distribution.*—The following table will show the number of books given to Seamen :—Bibles : English, 400 ; German, 8 ; Danish, 7 ; Swedish, 6 ; Spanish, 4 ; Portuguese, 25 ; Italian, 3 ; French, 8. Total, 461. English Testaments, 500 ; German, 10 ; Danish, 30 ; Swedish, 35. Spanish, 18 ; Portuguese, 50 ; Welch, 20 ; Dutch, 12. Total, 675. Prayer Books : Of our Church, 400 ; Church of England, 75 ; German, 17 ; French, 10 ; Portuguese, 7. Total, 509. Other volumes for Seamen, 400. Tracts and papers in all languages, without count.

*Clothing and other help for Seamen and their Families.*—The large number of flannel shirts and drawers furnished by the Ladies of the Sailors' Aid Society, with the supplies of clothing and second hand garments from other sources, has enabled the Rector to clothe many persons and families, who, otherwise, would have been destitute of necessary clothing.

Fuel and food have likewise been freely distributed to many who have depended chiefly on St. Mary's for the bare necessities of life.

Other help has been afforded by the Ladies, in the way of work, who have paid a living price for every article made up for their Society. In addition to this, cases of clothing obtained from contractors, have been given to the poor women of the Parish to be made up.

In closing this statement of work for the past year, the Rector feels encouraged to depend on his brethren of the Clergy and Laity, for the continuance of that sympathy and support which have cheered and sustained him in his labors for Seamen, and enabled him to send forth many a Sailor, who having found with us both spiritual comfort, and a supply for his bodily wants, here, has gone on his never ceasing conflict with the elements and on his still more dangerous way among the many temptations which always await his arrival in port.

St. Mary's is a Free Episcopal Church for Seamen, in the Port of Boston. It is in full union with the Convention of this Diocese,



as a Parish for Sailors. It is Free for everybody, and has no income from pew rents. It depends for its support, and for its ability to carry on and enlarge its operations, on the free-will offerings of its friends.

Contributions are respectfully solicited, and can be forwarded by mail, or otherwise, to the Rector, and which he will duly acknowledge.

P. S. So many of the members of this Parish, who take an active part in its business affairs, are absent at the war, that we have not, this year, sent as we meant to have done, a Lay Delegation to the Convention. The character of the Parish has become so settled and permanent that it is the plain right and duty of our Laity to be there represented, and another year will not pass D. V., without a proper attention to it.

*To the Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D.D., }  
Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts. }*

I have been regularly occupied since the last Convention, in the discharge of my duties as Chaplain of the City Institutions, South Boston.

On Sundays, I have three Services; the first from 9 till 10 o'clock, A. M., at the Lunatic Hospital, consisting of selections from the Morning Prayer and an address.

At 10 o'clock, the full Morning Service and a Sermon, and at 2 o'clock, the Afternoon Service and a Sermon, in the Chapel of the House of Correction.

I have also had Services with a Sermon, on Christmas Day, on Thanksgiving Day, and on the State and National Fast Days.

During the past Summer and Autumn, I was frequently assisted in reading on Sundays by Mr. Edward Hale, a Candidate for Orders of this Diocese.

On week days, my time is occupied in visiting the Hospitals—in conversations with the convicts, especially those whose term of imprisonment is about to expire, and in the care of the Prison Library, consisting of about 500 volumes.

The number of prisoners has been quite small during the past year ; at present it is somewhat less than 300.

Since my last report, I have baptised 4 children, solemnized 3 Marriages, and have read the Burial service over the remains of 12 persons.

JOSEPH H. CLINCH,  
*Chaplain of City Institutions, South Boston.*

*St. Luke's Church, Chelsea.*

THE REV. EDMUND B. PALMER, Rector.

During the past Canonical year, the two Parishes, which have hitherto existed in Chelsea, have virtually merged in one. Since January last, the Parish of St. Andrew's have worshipped, and still do worship, in St. Luke's Church. The beautiful Church of that Parish has passed out of their possession.

Before the 1st of June, prox., I am in hopes, having taken the preliminary steps thereto, to lodge the property of "the proprietors of St. Luke's Church in Chelsea," in the hands of the "Trustees of Donations" to be held for the benefit of the Church in Chelsea forever.

Baptisms, 2 ; Funerals, 1. The Offertory in the Church since January has been taken and appropriated for the benefit of St. Andrew's.

*St. Andrew's Church, Chelsea.*

THE REV. P. B. MORGAN, Rector.

Baptisms, 6. Confirmed, 10. Communicants, 54. Married, 1. Burials, 5. Sunday School : Teachers, 10 ; Scholars, 60.

After taking Holy Orders in July last, I was occupied for a time in making supplies in and about Boston ; was also for a short time in Philadelphia ; but since Nov. 16th, I have been ministering in Chelsea. Our Congregation for awhile worship-

ped in Fremont Hall, but since January last, we have, by the courtesy of the Rev. E. B. Palmer and his Vestry, worshipped in St. Luke's Church. Our Congregations are large and attentive. Our Sunday School, though very small at the beginning, has, with a corps of earnest and pious Teachers, been steadily growing in numbers and interest. We find ourselves much obligated for the deep interest taken in our welfare by the Rt. Rev. Bishop, and the Clergy of Boston. It is thought the two Church interests in this city may shortly be united, and a healthy and permanent cause be established in Chelsea.

### Essex County.

#### *St. Peter's Church, Salem.*

THE REV. WM. RAWLINS PICKMAN, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 11, adults 9,) 20. Confirmed, 10. Number of Communicants about 200. Marriages, 5. Burials, 5. Sunday School: Teachers, 23; Scholars, 150. Contributions: For Hospital work, \$160.37; Diocesan Missions, \$135.75; General Board of Missions, \$76.30; Bishop White Prayer Book Society, \$20; Society for Increase of Ministry, \$25.25; American Bible Society, \$36.45; Margaret Coffin Prayer Book Society, \$20.21; Griswold College, \$62.36; Toward a Font for Mission at Gloucester, \$14; Society for Widows and Orphans of Clergy, \$25; Church in Galesburg, Ill., \$10; Christmas Tree, \$64; New set of Service Books for Church, \$71.75; Sunday School Books, &c., \$54.75; Printing, Postage and sundries, \$37.37; Instruction for Music for Sunday School, \$20; Communion Alms distributed, \$225.41. Total, \$1058.97.

#### *Grace Church, Salem.*

THE REV. GEORGE D. WILDES, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 8, adults 1,) 9. Confirmed, 8. Communi-

cants: died, 1; removed, 3; added, 11; present number, 77. Burials, 9. Marriages, 2. Sunday School: Teachers, 16; Scholars, 95. Bible Class, 10. Collections: Communion, \$270; Mite Society, \$90; Ladies' Sewing Circle, (proceeds of Fair, &c.,) \$520; Griswold College, from two members of the Parish, \$110; Sunday School Collections, \$45; Proceeds of Musical Service, appropriated within the Parish, \$110; Special gift for a Parish purpose, \$50.

The number of Communicants has been considerably increased since the last report from this Parish, and several persons are now awaiting the rite of Confirmation; which is soon to be administered.

Since the last Convention, our junior Warden, John H. Stone, Esq., a Delegate to that Convention, has deceased. The Parish has thus lost from among its active members, one devoted to its interests, faithful in all Christian duties, and intelligent to a marked degree, in all things pertaining to the Church of his affections.

*St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.*

THE REV. EDWIN B. CHASE, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants) 18. Communicants: removed, 3; added, 6; present number, 76. Confirmed, 6. Marriages, 6. Burials, 12. Sunday School: Catechists, 18; Librarians, 3; Scholars, 150; Total, 171. Contributions: Communion Alms, \$58.71; Foreign Missions, \$74.21; Domestic Missions, \$75.37; Diocesan Missions, through the Eastern District Association, \$38.04; Sunday School Offerings to Bishop Seabury Mission, (Indian) at Faribault, \$21.30; Society for the Increase of the Ministry, \$21.61; Soldiers Aid Society, \$10; Special offerings for Charitable and Parish purposes, \$81.87; Sewing Circle, \$163.50; Repairing the Church, \$437; Total, \$981.11.

The venerable Parish Church has been thoroughly repaired, during the last two years, and now gives promise of being capable of doing as good service in the next century as in the past.



beautiful Stone Font has been added to the furniture of the church.

A society of young men, for work in the Parish, has been organized; and a reading room, supplied with Church periodicals and books, has been established.

No debt has been incurred, and the Parish was never before, perhaps, in a better pecuniary condition. It is trusted, also, that the measure of God's Spirit, to bear fruit in eternity, has been poured upon us.

*St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.*

THE REV. WILLIAM HORTON, D.D., Rector.

THE REV. JOHN C. WHITE, Associate Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 20, adults 2,) 22. Confirmed, 11. Communicants about 175. Burials, 14. Marriages, 8. Offerings: Union, \$98.85; Griswold College, \$100; General Charity, \$100; Diocesan Missions, \$50; Domestic Missions, \$50; Foreign Missions, \$70; Sunday School, Africa, \$20; Domestic Missions, \$15; for the Church at Lee, \$100; Total, \$608.85.

*St. James's Church, Amesbury.*

THE REV. D. GORDON ESTES, D.D., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 2, adults 2,) 4. Confirmed, 4. Communicants: added, 6; died or removed, 9; present number, 54. Burials, 4. Sunday School: Teachers, 12; Scholars, 56; average attendance, 44. Contributions: Communion Alms, \$29; for Sick, \$55; Domestic Missions, \$10; Sunday School Library, \$10; Parochial purposes, \$322; Total, \$482.



*Christ Church, Andover.*

THE REV. BENJAMIN B. BABBITT, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants,) 7. Communicants: added, 9; died and removed, 14; present number, about 115. Confirmed, 4. Burials, 14. Sunday Scholars, 100; Teachers, 15. Missionary Contributions: Foreign, \$74.61; Domestic, \$70.79; Diocesan Board, \$50; Eastern District Missionary Association, \$51; Within the Parish: Poor, \$108.90; Gifts, \$60; Sunday School, \$36.76; Parish Library, \$35; Sundries, \$16.52; Without the Parish: Society for the Increase of the Ministry, for Students at Fairbault, \$75; Nashotah, \$25; Griswold College, \$100; Sanitary Commission, \$150; Relief of Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, \$17.50; Total, \$871.08. Of this amount Communion Alms furnished \$390.88; Sunday School, \$40; Ladies Society, \$237.50.

There have been also large contributions in clothing, &c., forwarded to Sanitary Commission for the Soldiers, sick and wounded, amounting in value certainly, to \$250.

During the past year not less than twelve English families have removed from Andover to Braintree and elsewhere, reducing our list of Communicants and the number of our Sunday School Scholars. The regular contributions of the Parish have greatly increased, as the above report shows; but it is yet desirable that there should be more zeal for Christ and the Church, and for extending the borders of the kingdom. It is hoped that, by the formation of a Church Union in the Parish, good may be done in this direction.

*St. Stephen's Church, Lynn.*

THE REV. EDWARD HYDE TRUE, late Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 9, adults 7,) 16. Confirmed, 10, (one of these was Confirmed at Grace Church, Salem.) Communicants added, 10; lost by death, 4; present number, 80. Marriage



5. Burials, 16. Sunday School: Superintendent, 1; Librarian, 1; Teachers, 11; Scholars, 60. Contributions: Offertory, \$50.95; Ladies Sewing Circle, \$28; Monthly Collection for Incidental Expenses, \$57.06; Sunday School for Font, \$15.07; Eastern District Missionary Association, \$7.50; Society for the Increase of the Ministry, \$9.40; Total, \$164.98.

After a Rectorship of nearly three years, I resigned the charge of this Parish on the 15th of April, 1863, leaving it in a prosperous condition, and with my earnest prayer that it may increase and flourish in all spiritual and temporal things! I immediately accepted a call to the Rectorship of *Emmanuel Church, Somerville*, and entered upon my duties on Easter Monday. As my information about the Parish is necessarily very limited, I forbear giving any detailed report of its condition; simply saying, that I find a good field of labor, and an attendance on services and the Sunday School, quite large and promising for so young a Parish. Besides the ordinary Sunday services, I have baptised one infant.

*Grace Church, Lawrence.*

THE REV. GEO. PACKARD, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 42, adults 2,) 44. Communicants: added, 26; died, 3; removed, 14. Present number, 141. Confirmed, 7. Marriages, 7. Burials, 29. Sunday School: Superintendent, 1; Librarian, 1; Teachers (male 10, female 17,) 27; Scholars, 225. Contributions: Offertory, \$165.82; Eastern District Missionary Association, \$56.00; Foreign Missions, \$32.00; Sunday School Offerings, (education of Lilius L. K. Spalding, in Africa, \$25.00; Sunday School Libraries for the West, \$15.00,) \$40.00; Society for Relief of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, \$25.00; American Bible Society, \$33; Griswold College, \$25.00; Parish Sunday School, \$39.17; City Mission, \$52.00; an ill-paid Minister in the Diocese, \$25.00; Lawrence Soldiers Aid Society, \$27.36; Christmas Donation to Rector, \$260.00. Total, \$780.35.

Our parochial condition in temporal things, ever subject to change in a community constituted as Lawrence is, was never more satisfactory than it is at the present time. No special events of the past year require notice, with the exception, though, like some other previous years, it has been marked by manifestations of sympathy and kindness towards the Rector and his family, the living and the dead, for which he would invoke heaven's best blessings upon the members of his Church and Parish.

*Trinity Church, Haverhill.*

THE REV. C. H. SEYMOUR, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants) 3. Communicants: added, 6; present number, 56. Confirmed, 5. Marriages, 4. Burials, 6. Sunday School Scholars, 50. Missionary Contributions: Domestic, \$10. Other contributions for religious purposes: within the Parish, \$78.

Since the last report, the condition of this Parish has been steadily improving. Attendance upon all public services has greatly increased, and a gratifying interest is manifested on the part of the teachers and scholars in the Sunday School. May the Great Head of the Church still continue to bless us with spiritual blessings.

*Calvary Church, Danvers.*

Baptisms, (infants,) 1. Burials, 3. Communicants: added and removed, 5; present number of Congregation about 50.

This Parish has suffered from want of Pastoral care; prostration of business, and the enlistment of many of its members as soldiers.

Divine Service has been held part of the time since the resignation of the Rector.

The prospects of the Church are now brightening, by the resignation and acceptance of the Rev. R. F. Chase, the former beloved pastor.

FRANCIS PRABODY, Junior Warden

**Middlesex County.***Christ Church, Cambridge.*

THE REV. N. HOPPIN, D.D., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 28, adults 5,) 33. Communicants : added, 41 ; died or removed, 28 ; present number, 228. Confirmed, 12. Marriages, 7. Burials, 8. Sunday School, 136 ; Teachers, 15. Contributions, for objects without the Parish : General Domestic Missions, \$60 ; General Foreign Missions, \$50 ; Massachusetts Diocesan Missions, \$50 ; Eastern District Missions, \$48.24 ; Sunday School offerings for Bishop Talbot's Mission, \$95.21 ; Church of Epiphany, Brighton, \$25 ; St. Mary's, Seamen's Mission, Boston, \$35 ; Society for the Increase of the Ministry, \$95 ; U. S. Sanitary Commission, \$60 ; other Religious and Charitable Offertories, \$202.65 ; offerings of three Communicants for various Missionary and Church objects out of the Parish, \$786.54 ; Contributions for objects within the Parish : for building a Sunday School Chapel, \$2100 ; Other objects within the Parish, \$270 ; Total of all Contributions for objects out of the Parish, \$1507.64 ; Total for objects within the Parish, \$2370 ; Total of all Contributions, \$3877.64.

*St. Peter's Church, Cambridge.*

[No Report.]

*St. Anne's Church, Lowell.*

THE REV. THEODORE EDSON, D.D., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 67, adults 10,) 77. Communicants : added, 51 ; died or removed, 28 ; present number, 460. Confirmed, 52. Marriages, 20. Burials, 37. Sunday School Scholars and Teachers, 350. Missionary Contributions : Foreign, \$165 ; Domestic, \$78.08 ; Diocesan, \$800. Other Contributions for relig-

ious purposes within the Parish, \$280.62 ; without the Parish, \$170.

That Lowell as a cotton manufacturing city should suffer severely from the present unhappy state of things, is a matter of course. St. Anne's Parish, through divine mercy, has been as well sustained as could have been reasonably anticipated. Our public services as well on week days as on Sundays, have been kept up ; and a special service of prayer for our country, every Friday afternoon, has never been omitted since the war commenced.

*St. John's Church, Lowell.*

[No Report.]

*St. Mary's Church, Newton Lower Falls.*

THE REV. WINSLOW W. SEVER, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 6, adults 1,) 7. Communicants : added, 1 ; died or removed, 12 ; present number, 124. Confirmed, 1. Burials, 12. Sunday School : Scholars, 110 ; Teachers, 16. Missionary Contributions : Foreign, \$28.10 ; Domestic, from Sunday School for Rev. Mr. Hagar of Nebraska, \$48.24 ; Diocesan, Eastern District Association, \$50 ; Special, \$20. Other contributions for religious purposes within the Parish : Communion Alms, \$90.13 ; For Parish purposes, \$48.10 ; Without the Parish, American Bible Society, \$20 ; Prayer Books for Soldiers, \$50 ; Total, \$354.57.

The Parish has lost an unusual number of its Communicants during the past year by removal from the village, while no new families have come in to fill the places of those who have left. Still it is hoped that in some important respects there is prosperity, there being at present some Candidates for Baptism and Confirmation.

*Grace Church, Newton Corner.*

THE REV. J. S. COPLEY GREENE, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants,) 4. Confirmed, 5. Communicants: died or removed, 10; added, 17; returned, 3; present number, 101. Marriages, 6. Burials, 4. Sunday School: Scholars, 67; Teachers and Officers, 12. Contributions: Foreign Missions, \$286.66; Domestic Missions and Societies, \$41.38; Diocesan Missions and Societies, \$29.54; Communion Offerings, and one Collection for Poor, \$92.81; Parish debt, \$72.26; Total, \$522.65. Of this amount the Sunday School contributed \$42.73 towards the interest on the Land debt.

At Easter our congregation were surprised and delighted at hearing, for the first time, a fine-toned organ, the generous gift of one of our Communicants.

There still remains a debt on the Land, owned by the Church, of \$ —

*St. Paul's Church, Hopkinton.*

THE REV. ALFRED L. BAURY, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants,) 3. Communicants, about 20. Marriages, 1. Burials, 2. Missionary Contributions, \$7; Alms for the Poor, \$20.

The usual and regular services of the Church have been performed in this Parish, since the last report to the Convention, and with about the usual results.

Our Sunday School is sustained by the persevering efforts of a young lady from the Church of the Messiah, Boston, to whom, as to other members of the same family, who pass the Summer months in Hopkinton, are we indebted for aid and support.

A respectable Physician of the town, our Senior Warden, having accepted a surgeon's commission in the Army of the United States, has left us, with other members of this little flock, and

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#### March, Medford.

A. STRONG, Rector.

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\$30; Ladies' Sewing Circle for Sol-

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*Christ Church, Waltham.*

THE REV. THOMAS F. FALES, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants,) 11. Communicants: added, 17; died or removed, 8: present number, 97. Confirmed, 5. Marriages, 3. Burials, 13. Sunday School: Teachers, 7; Scholars, 60. Missionary Contributions: Diocesan Missions, \$85; General Missions, \$39.76; other contributions, \$244.47; Total, \$369.23.

In addition to the sums above reported, the members of the Parish have also by contribution, and as the result of their zealous industry, removed a debt of \$8500, which had been incurred in the enlargement of the Church. So that we can now be reported as entirely free from debt. This, in consideration of the removal of so many, in past years, upon whose liberal support we have largely depended, is an encouraging indication to which we refer with gratitude. We are also happy to report that our congregations have been steadily increasing during the past year. We do not, at present, see so many signs of spiritual prosperity as we should desire, but for these we will continue to labor in hope.

*Trinity Church, Melrose.*

The Rev. W. H. Munroe resigned the charge of this Parish the first of October, since which time regular weekly services have been maintained. The Rev. J. B. Richmond, of Illinois, was invited to officiate the first Sunday in February, and continued to do so until Easter. On Easter Monday he was unanimously elected to the Rectorship. He has lately signified his acceptance of the same, and is now in full discharge of all the duties of the Parish.

The Sunday School has been re-organized, and it is hoped will be a living nursery for the Church.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

C. P. GORDON, Senior Warden.



## *Appendix.*

### *St. Peter's Church, Auburndale.*

[No Report.]

### *St. John's Church, Framingham.*

THE REV. REESE F. ALSOP, Rector.

Communicants 2, infants 3,) 5. Communicants, 56; died 2. Confirmed, 14. Marriages, 2. Sunday School = 12: Scholars, 75. Contributions by the Sunday School = 10: Monthly collections, \$278.41; Communion offering, \$212; whole amount of contributions, \$278.41; Pew rent for six months, \$212. Number of families in the Parish, 12.

During the past year a convenient Church has been finished and dedicated throughout, and a debt of \$1200 only, remains on the Parish. This debt, it is believed, will be paid before the close of the next report. The prospects of this young Parish are at the last report, to be very encouraging.

### *Grace Church, Malden.*

THE REV. DEXTER POTTER, Rector.

Communicants (adults 3, infants 7,) 10. Families, 16; Communicants added anew, 2; total, 16. Marriages, 1. Burials, 1. Expenses, \$250.

We have a few candidates for Confirmation, who will receive the Sacrament on the next visitation of the Bishop. The Parish is increasing here, and the ground new for our services; hence, we have the same obstacles to contend with here, that we have elsewhere in this Diocese, where her claims are not known. We have the promise of God, we believe that in due time we will reap, if she faint not. We are doing all, circumstances permit of our doing, for the growth of the Parish, and that the Church may increase with the increase of God.

*Church of the Epiphany, Brighton.*

THE REV. D. G. HASKINS, Rector.

Since my last report, I have changed my residence from Roxbury to Cambridge, in order to have my son live at home during his College course. I have also been gradually relinquishing my duties as teacher of a school for young ladies in Boston.

Last fall I was invited by the Eastern District Missionary Association to take charge of a Missionary enterprise at Brighton, which had been started some months previous by the Committee of the Church Reading Room of Boston, under the especial care of Mr. William A. Iles, and Mr. Samuel Batchelder, Jr. I preached there, for the first time, the Sunday before Advent, and without accepting the invitation of the Association for the definite period of six months named by them, I have continued to minister there under their authority ever since. In view of the uncertainty of my remaining at this station, as well as on account of the pressure of my school duties, I have not felt disposed, or able entirely, to dispense with the help of the gentlemen of the Church Reading Room Committee; and I desire to record my most grateful acknowledgments to Mr. E. D. Harris and to Mr. George Dexter, of Cambridge, for various and valuable services rendered in turn under my direction, especially as Lay-readers and as Superintendents of the Sunday School.

January 19th, the second Monday after the Epiphany, the Parish was legally organized, under the name of "The Church of the Epiphany," and two Wardens and nine Vestrymen were elected, besides a Clerk and Treasurer.

Religious services are held in the morning and evening of the Lord's Day, in the Hall over the Brighton Market Bank. The present average attendance in the morning is sixty-five, and in the evening over one hundred. There has been a steady growth in numbers and in interest. Four infants and seven adults have been baptised,—total, 11; and 19 persons have been Confirmed. Funerals, 1. Marriages, 1. Present number of Communicants, 30. Proceeds of the first and only Offertory, \$9.90.

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### ~~Emmanuel~~ Chapel, Somerville.

Rev. N. G. ALLEN, late Minister.

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## Norfolk County.

### Christ Church, Quincy.

Rev. HENRY BURROUGHS, JR., Rector.

...ants,) 13. Communicants: added, 11; died or  
...present number, 60. Confirmed, 2. Burials, 5.

Sunday School Scholars, 50. Missionary Contributions : Foreign, \$10 ; Domestic \$10 ; Diocesan, \$10 ; Total, \$30. Contributions for religious purposes within the Parish, by the weekly offertory, \$1015.85 ; By subscription for the payment of debts and towards the purchase of an organ, \$500 ; For the Poor, \$7.50 ; Total, \$1523.35.

The amount received in the Offertory, is supposed to be the largest sum ever contributed in this Parish, in any one year, for the support of public worship. It has enabled the Treasurer to meet all current expenses and to discharge debts amounting to \$160. Successful efforts have been made during the year, with the aid of kind friends in Boston, to pay all claims against this Church, and to purchase a new organ at the cost of \$500. Claims, amounting a year since to \$600, have been liquidated, and the Parish is free from debt. All taxes and pew rents are received weekly, with other contributions for parochial purposes, in the Offertory. The Clergyman is paid every week, and every other claim is discharged upon its presentation.

A plan of systematic offerings for Missionary purposes was adopted at the beginning of the year 1863, and thirty dollars contributed in the first four months, may be regarded as a pledge that this ancient Parish will never again cease to aid in the great work of diffusing the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ throughout the world. Christ Church, Quincy, is destined, we trust, to be a centre of Missionary operations. It is proposed to hold Services this Summer, occasionally, in East Braintree, if a suitable room can be procured.

Two very beautiful chairs for the Chancel have been presented by the Rev. Charles M. Parkman and his wife, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Shimmmin, as tokens of their interest in this Church and as memorials of the late Mrs. Mary George Parkman.

*St. Paul's Church, Dedham.*

THE REV. S. B. BABCOCK, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 16, adults 2,) 18. Communicants : added,

10; died or removed, 15; present number, 140. Marriages, 4. Burials, 9. Sunday School Scholars, 85. Contributions within the Parish, \$141.66; without the Parish, \$733.67. Of contributions without the Parish, we have collected \$121.95 for Diocesan Missions; \$60.25 for the excellent charity of St. Stephen's House; \$54.50 for American Bible Society; \$101.35 for Griswold College; to relieve Churches from debt, \$100; and for Soldiers' Aid Society, \$295.62. Besides these, individuals have contributed largely for Church purposes, which ought to be represented as part of the benevolent enterprise of the Parish, which would swell our contributions above \$1000.

*St. James's Church, Roxbury.*

THE REV. GEORGE S. CONVERSE, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 43, adults 3,) 46. Communicants: added, 85; died or removed, 24; present number, 218. Confirmed, 14. Marriages, 4. Burials, 19. Sunday School: Superintendent, 1; Teachers, 25; Scholars, 226; Young Ladies' Bible Class, 13. Mission Sunday School: Superintendent, 1; Teachers, 17; Scholars, (men 20, women 24, children 160,) 204. Missionary Contributions: General Domestic Missions, \$100; Diocesan Missions, (Massachusetts Board, \$85.24; Southern District Association, \$100,) \$185.24. Foreign Missions, \$80; Sunday School, (annual, for support of a Scholar in Female Orphan Asylum, Cape Palmas, Africa, \$75; for Church Home, Boston, \$28.32; for Prayer Books for the Soldiers, \$28.32) \$131.64. American Bible Society, \$56.96. Other contributions for religious purposes: Communion Offertory, \$363.30; for the Benevolent Society of the Parish, \$74.57; for the Soldiers' Relief Society, \$103.04; for the Chancel Window, \$300; Cash towards the new Organ, \$300; Cash towards the enlargement of the Church, \$1500; Total, (without the Parish, \$656.88; within the Parish, \$2579.87) \$3236.75.

In addition to these items, the "Helping Hand" has furnish-

ed clothing to the families of three of our western missionaries, to the number of 210 garments valued at \$440.

The "Benevolent Society" has continued its work among the Church of England people with encouraging success. During the year, 124 families have been regularly visited. The number now in charge of visitors is 116. Of these families, 36 have received material aid to the amount of \$201.97, and 32 have been furnished with clothing.

The Sewing School has met weekly, with an average attendance of 52.

The Employment Society, organized for the purpose of supplying poor women with work, has given work to 20 women to the amount of \$162.10.

The Soldiers' Relief Society has made 806 articles of various kinds for the soldiers, at an expense of \$306.98.

The Church has been enlarged by the addition of a wing containing 24 pews. The form of the gallery has been altered. The Church has been recolored throughout, and furnished with a new organ, and a very handsome chancel window of stained glass, and we have received from a friend of the parish in New York a complete set of books for the desk, chancel and pulpit.

The rector has to acknowledge the kindness of his parishioners in presenting him with \$600. This sum, together with \$510—the amount of subscriptions to the four societies—when added to the sum total of contributions within and without the Parish already stated, makes the whole amount of money raised during this Conventional year, \$4346.75.

The Church is open on Wednesdays and Fridays for Evening Prayer, during the greater portion of the year.

In Lent there was Evening Prayer daily, with a lecture on Wednesday and Friday, and a third Service on Sunday evening. During Passion Week, the Church was open also for Morning Prayer.

The Rector catechizes the children of the Parish "openly in the Church" on the third Sunday afternoon of every month, except July and August.

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### *St. John's Church, Jamaica Plain.*

THE REV. W. R. BABCOCK, Rector.

~~Report.~~ infants 19, adult 1,) 20. Confirmed, 11. Com-  
municants: added, 21; died or removed, 26; present number  
25. Marriages, 3. Burials, 7. Sunday School: Scholars  
10; Teachers, 16. Contributions: Communion Alms, \$367.  
Foreign Missions (special for Africa \$65,) \$100. Mass  
of the Dead, \$100. Southern District Association, \$50  
American Bible Society, \$112.44. Society for the Increase  
of the Ministry, \$175. Sunday School Contributions, \$116. T-  
en Cent Parishes, \$177. E. K. Society, for poor Sunday  
School, \$26. Grievold College, \$110. For the Poor, \$126  
Other Collections in Church, \$241.61. Total, \$1700.62  
About three-fourths of this amount have been appropriated to  
expenses outside the parish.

During the past year, our losses, by deaths and removals  
have been heavy; but we have also had valuable additions to  
the list of parishioners and communicants. With God's blessing  
we hope the coming year will witness in us the fruits of  
more earnest and active piety.

### *St. Mary's Church, Dorchester.*

THE REV. W. H. MILLS, Rector.

~~Report.~~ (infants 5, adults 6,) 11. Confirmed, 18. Com-  
municants: added, 27; died and removed 6; present number  
21. Marriages, 2. Burials, 8. Sunday School: Scholars  
10; Teachers, with Superintendent and Librarian, 15; Total  
25. Missionary Offerings: Foreign Missions, \$64.29; Do-  
mestic Missions, \$113.70; Nashotah, \$50; Parish at Shako-  
nago, \$46; Diocesan Missions, Southern Dis-  
trict Association, \$52.08; Total, \$326.07. Other Offerings  
within the Parish: Thanksgiving and Offerings for the Poor,  
\$22.25; Communion Alms, \$267.45; Easter Offering, \$2152;

for Incidental Expenses, \$121.12; Lot of Land, \$900; Total, \$3551.36. Without the Parish: Society for the Increase of the Ministry, \$33.55; Widows and Orphans Society, \$37.81; Margaret Coffin Prayer Book Society, \$63; Total, \$134.36. Whole amount of Offerings, \$4011.79.

The Easter Offering enabled the Parish to free the church entirely from debt, and, with nine hundred dollars afterwards contributed, to purchase the lot of land adjoining the church lot. We again render humble thanks to Almighty God for the continuance of the Divine blessing upon our Parish.

*Christ Church, Hyde Park, Dorchester.*

THE REV. A. H. WASHBURN, Officiating Minister.

Baptisms, (infants,) 4. Confirmed, 4. Communicants, 33. Morning and Evening Prayer read, 141 times. Sermons preached, 101. The Holy Communion administered, 13 times. Sunday School: Teachers, 6; Scholars, 35. Number of families, 35. Offertory, \$171.73; of this, for Diocesan Missions, \$15.

The Parish is entirely free from debt; and the Bishop will soon be requested to consecrate the church.

*St. Paul's Church, Brookline.*

[No Report.]

**Plymouth County.**

*St. Andrew's Church, Hanover.*

THE REV. SAMUEL CUTLER, Rector.

Baptisms, (adult,) 1. Communicants: added, 4; died, 4; removed, 1; present number, 106. Confirmed, 5. Marriages, 6. Burials, 5. Sunday School Scholars, 50. Missionary and other Contributions: Foreign Missions, \$78.41; American Church



Missionary Society, Domestic, \$50 ; Southern District Missionary Association, \$25 ; Evangelical Knowledge Society, \$60, (of which \$10 is from the Sunday School, for Sunday Schools in the West;) Christian Commission, for the Federal Army, \$114.05 ; American Bible Society, \$55 ; American Tract Society, N. Y., for the distribution of religious reading in the Army, \$35 ; Griswold College, \$80 ; Mission of Rev. E. M. P. Wells, D.D., \$25 ; Seamen's Mission, \$18 ; Widows and Orphans Society, \$20.

For Tract distribution including 75 copies of the Parish Visitor, \$18.68 ; For sundry charities from Communion Alms, \$38.80 ; For Sunday School Library and Christmas Festival, \$22.25 ; For painting and repairs on Parsonage, \$90 ; (of which \$30 is from the Dorcas Society). Making the whole amount, \$730.19 ; viz : Expended within the Parish, \$169.73 ; without the Parish, \$560.46. Total, \$730.19.

*Trinity Church, Bridgewater.*

[No Report.]

*Christ Church, Plymouth.*

THE REV. WM. HENRY BROOKS, D.D., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 8, adults 3,) 11. Communicants : added, 7 ; died or removed, 11 ; present number, 23. A class is "ready and desirous to be Confirmed." Sunday School : Teachers, 7 ; Scholars, 36 ; Number of books in Sunday School Library, 232 ; Number of books in Parish Library, 75. Public Services : Sundays, 96 ; week days, 25 ; Total, 121. Holy Communion, publicly administered, 11 times. Contributions : For objects within the Parish, repairing Chancel window, \$30.25 ; Parish Sunday School, \$12.58 ; Sunday School Library, (contributed by the School,) \$16.81 ; Parish Library, \$7.23 ; Gifts to the children of the Parish Sunday School on Christmas afternoon, \$21 ; Parish purposes, \$30.44 ; For objects within the Diocese : Society

for the Relief of Aged and Indigent Clergymen, \$6.62 ; For objects exterior to the Diocese : Domestic Missions, \$10 ; supplying the 38th Regiment of Mass. Volunteers with the " selections from the Book of Common Prayer," \$7.30 ; Total, \$142.23.

On the 13th of July, 1862, the Fourth Sunday after Trinity, I entered upon the discharge of my duties as Rector of this Parish, and Missionary in Plymouth.

The church edifice had for a long period been unoccupied, and had become, especially in its interior, very much out of repair. Through the efforts of a former Communicant of the Parish, the sum of \$188 was obtained from Churchmen in Boston and vicinity ; with this, some of the needed repairs were made, and the church, to the great joy of not a few, was opened for Divine service on the 22d of June. I ministered to a large Congregation at both of the services of this day. To all those who so kindly aided in the good work of rendering the church-building suitable " for the performance of the several offices of religious worship," the Parish tenders its grateful thanks.

The attendance upon the services, and the interest manifested in them far exceed the expectation of the most sanguine friends of the Church.

The Sunday School prospers and increases.

The Parochial Bible Class meets every week to study the Lessons for the following Sunday morning, and is largely attended.

The Lenten services (every day in Passion-Week, and twice a week during the other portion of the quadragesimal fast,) drew together good sized congregations, and were observed with much seriousness and devotion.

At the beginning of the present year, a Parish Library was commenced, and already contains a respectable number of interesting and profitable religious books.

Eighty volumes have been added by purchase, to the Sunday School Library. Twenty-five copies of the " Standard Bearer " and twenty copies of the " Carrier Dove," are distributed among the pupils of the Sunday School, and twenty-five copies of the " Parish Visitor " among the Parishioners.

I officiate every Sunday afternoon, as Chaplain in the Ply-

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... and House of Correction, and distribute Bibles,  
... religious publications among the prisoners.

... afforded great happiness to the children  
... singing by them of several beautiful carols  
... its attractive features.

... indebted to the Massachusetts Bible So-  
... of Bibles and Testaments; the Margaret  
... Book Society, for a donation of Prayer Books;  
... Tract Society, (Boston,) for a donation of Tracts;  
... Episcopal Society, for the Promotion of Evan-  
... for a donation of books for the Parish Libra-  
... periodical publications; to Miss Mary Davis, for  
... for the Sunday School, and to "Anti Puri-  
... contributed by him for the Insurance of the Church-

... emphatically a hard field—none harder, it is be-  
... be found—but the many tokens of God's blessing  
... Parish, during the last ten months, may well constrain  
... in its welfare to thank God and to take courage.

... good hope that the Protestant Episcopal Church, al-  
... this place an exotic plant, will, animated by the bright  
... Sun of Righteousness, and refreshed by the gentle  
... Holy Ghost, take root downward, and bear fruit  
... the glory and praise of God, and the salvation of  
... dwelling in the original settlement of the Puritans.

... search thee, O God of hosts, look down from heaven and  
... visit this vine; and the vineyard which thy right  
... planted."

### **Bristol County.**

*St. Thomas's Church, Taunton.*

THE REV. THOMAS H. VAIL, D.D., Rector.

... (infants 20, adults 4,) 24. Communicants: added,  
... removed, 21; present number, 257. Confirmed, 11.



Marriages, 11. Burials, 31. Sunday Schools : Teachers, (in Parish Sunday School, 40 ; in Oakland Branch Sunday School, 10,) 50 ; Scholars, (in Parish Sunday School, 231 ; in Oakland Branch Sunday School, 75,) 306. Missionary and Charitable Contributions : Diocesan Missions, Massachusetts General Board, \$50 ; Southern District Association, \$75. Domestic Missions : General purposes, \$35. Foreign Missions : General purposes, \$20 ; China, from Sunday School, \$20 ; Africa, from Sunday School, \$20 ; Society for the Increase of the Ministry, \$75 ; Griswold College, \$55 ; Hospital Aid Society, \$154.03 ; Sunday School purposes, \$80 : Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, \$11.25 ; Aged and Indigent Clergymen, \$11.25 ; Weak Parishes, \$40 ; Communion Alms, \$257.23 ; Within the Parish, \$337.23 ; Without the Parish, \$566.53 ; Total, \$903.76.

*Grace Church, New Bedford.*

THE REV. JAMES MULCHAHEY, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants,) 10. Communicants, present number about 180. Confirmed, 2. Marriages, 6. Burials, 8. Sunday School Scholars, 140. Missionary Contributions : General Board, \$45 ; Massachusetts Board, \$20. Other Contributions : within the Parish, \$175 ; without the Parish, \$53.

The Rev. J. P. Tustin resigned the Rectorship of this Parish at Easter, 1862, and the undersigned assumed the charge on the first of September following, but did not become resident in New Bedford, until the middle of November. This vacancy of about half of the year accounts in part for the meagreness of the above statistical report. The visitation of the Bishop was made in the vacancy, at which time the two, as above reported, were Confirmed ; but we are now preparing for another visitation appointed to be made on the 10th of next month, when it is hoped a considerable number will be ready for Confirmation. The present number of Communicants as above reported is considerably less than in previous reports, but this is owing simply to the fact that the list has been revised by me with some care, and the names of

those who, in the course of several years, have died or removed, have been erased. The Church and Congregation are advancing steadily, and, it is believed, healthily. Assurances of entire and most cordial unanimity were given to the present Rector in his call to the Parish, and these assurances have been fully verified by the marks of confidence and affection with which his ministrations have been uniformly received. May God give to both pastor and people more and more of His guiding, enlightening and sanctifying grace.

*Church of the Ascension, Fall River.*

[No Report.]

*Christ Church, Swansea.*

THE REV. N. W. MUNROE, Rector.

I have to report one adult baptised and confirmed; one couple joined in Holy Matrimony, and services performed at four funerals. There has been a marked improvement in the attendance on the Morning Sunday Services, and in that of the pupils of the Sunday School. The meeting of the Southern District Missionary Association in this Parish, was a very pleasant one, to Pastor and people, and furnished motive and encouragement for sustaining our services in this humble field of labor.

*Nantucket County.*

*St. Paul's Church, Nantucket.*

[No Report.]



**Worcester County.***St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville.*

THE REV. GEORGE STURGIS PAINE, Rector.

Report for six months, from Oct. 1, 1862, to April 1, 1863.

Baptisms, (infants,) 2. Communicants, 48. Removals from the Parish, 1. Burials, 2. Sunday School: Superintendent, 1. Teachers, 7. Scholars, average attendance, 50. Communion Offerings, \$10.12; for Sunday School Books, \$3.30.

The present Rector assumed the charge of this Parish Oct. 1, 1862. Owing to the great number of stormy Sundays and the very bad state of the country roads this past winter, the attendance at church has been much interrupted, and the Communion Offerings much lessened. The continuance of the contest which now distracts this country has sensibly affected the prosperity of this parish, both in the absence at the seat of war of nearly all of the young men, and also in the diminution of all material resources.

A Christmas tree and festival were organized by the Rector last Christmas, and a general distribution of presents was made to the children of the Sunday School.

At Easter, also, in addition to special services for the day, all the children of the parish were presented by the Rector with tokens commemorative of that sacred season.

There has been a general gathering of the members of the parish at the parsonage every Saturday evening, for the purpose of general social intercourse and instruction in the Bible. These meetings have been attended with most gratifying results, in a marked degree of increased knowledge and interest in the Holy Scriptures.

The great increase in the number of Church attendants, since the opening of Spring, gives hopeful promise of increased stability and prosperity in the future.



*All Saints' Church, Worcester.*

THE REV. WM. R. HUNTINGTON, Rector.

The present Rector was admitted to the Priesthood on Dec. 3d, 1862, and immediately entered upon the duties of his post. The following statistics relate only to the time he has been in charge. Baptisms, (infants 14, adults 6,) 20. Communicants: added by Confirmation, 15; removed by death, 2; present number, 134. Burials, 6. Sunday School: Teachers, 18; Scholars, 107; average attendance, 73. Contributions: Missions, \$130.85; other purposes without the Parish, \$108.13; Total, \$238.98.

*Christ Church, Clappville.*

THE REV. W. B. COLBURN, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants,) 9. Communicants: added, 8; present number, 48. Marriages, 3. Burials, 5. Sunday Scholars, about 60.

This Parish had been vacant some three months, by the resignation of the former incumbent, Rev. Mr. Rouse, before the present Rector assumed its charge. In pecuniary resources, it had become somewhat crippled, owing to the present state of public affairs, and the consequent comparative depression of business. Yet there are unmistakable signs of life and vigor. The congregations are very respectable in numbers, the Sunday School numerously attended, and the attendance upon the informal Sunday evening services is most encouraging. Members of the Parish, aided by the generous liberality of a gentleman in Boston, not a member of our Communion, have subscribed a sum sufficient to make some desirable alterations in the church. While these tokens of good are gratefully acknowledged, we yet especially need the converting and life-giving influences of the Holy Spirit, without whom "nothing is strong, nothing is holy."



*St. John's Church, Millville.*

THE REV. GEORGE RUMNEY, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 17, adults 6,) 23. Confirmed, 14. Communicants: added, 8; added by removal, 5; lost by removal, 11; lost by death, 2; present number, 83. Marriages, 1. Burials, 6. Sunday School: Teachers, 13; Scholars, 80. Contributions: Domestic Missions, \$8.43; Sunday School Easter Offering for Foreign Missions, \$14.22; Bible Society, \$5.80; Relief of Poor, \$10; Central District Missionary Association, \$12; Sunday School Books, \$8.55; Communion Alms, \$22.26; Total, \$81.26.

The present Rector entered upon his duties in December last. A lot has recently been purchased for a Rectory, and the house is to be built during the coming Summer. Through the liberality of the Millville Manufacturing Company, they having pledged themselves to give an amount equal to any sum which the Parish may raise, we have been encouraged to undertake the work. The house will probably be in readiness for the Rector by the first of October next.

*Grace Church, West Brookfield.*

[No Report.]

*St. Mark's Church, Southborough.*

THE REV. A. C. PATTERSON, Rector.

Baptisms, (adult,) 1. Families, 16. Communicants, 12. Marriages, 1. Burials, 2. A small Sunday School has been steadily maintained since services were begun.

After occasional visits of Clergymen in previous years, the services of the Church were regularly established in this town on Whitsunday, 1860. For nearly a year they were held in

on with Framingham, the Eastern District Association  
ating to the latter place, \$250 per annum, while South-  
the Central District,) provided for itself in an equal  
king also the duty of procuring a Minister and paying  
elling and incidental expenses of his visits. After that  
e Parishes organized separately, the Eastern District As-  
appropriating \$400 per annum to Framingham, and  
ro' taking care of itself, and supporting its own Rector.  
the Board of Missions in Massachusetts appropriated  
St. Mark's, Southboro', only \$35 of which was paid.  
e years the services have never been intermitted, sup-  
a few instances by the Lay reading of the Senior Warden,  
Clergyman was not to be had. In support of these  
the Parish has contributed the sum of \$1500.

present incumbent has served the Parish since Easter,  
with the exception of an absence of several weeks during  
summer, and was elected Rector in July last.

services have been held in a Chapel, neatly fitted up by a  
on his own estate, and affording but limited accommo-

he 15th of August last, the corner-stone of a permanent  
Church was laid, and the building has steadily progressed  
now very nearly ready for Consecration.

e few notes of the Parish history thus far, it has been  
proper to record here, at this moment, when the Church,  
first time, has become ready to begin fully its work of  
ion; though in its infancy it has not forgotten Missionary  
and the claims of neighbors, having introduced the services  
beloved Zion in three of the neighboring towns.

## ***Hampden County.***

### *Christ Church, Springfield.*

THE REV. GEORGE H. MCKNIGHT, Rector.

isms, (adults 2, infants 17,) 19. Confirmed, 15. Mar-

riages, 10. Burials, 18. Communicants: received, 8; added, 16; whole number, 24; died, 2; removed, 5; present number, about 220. Sunday School: Teachers, male, 7; Female, 10; whole number, 17; Scholars about 110. Offerings: For Soldiers, \$54.58; Bibles, \$37; Domestic Missions, \$60.16; Society for the Increase of the Ministry, \$85; Foreign Missions, \$42.17; Nashotah, \$30; Faribault, \$10; Protestant Episcopal Tract Society, \$5; Church Book Society, \$5; New York Bible and Prayer Book, \$5; Church debt, \$9300; Communion Alms, \$279.81; Total, \$9918.66.

This Parish has for several years been afflicted with a debt, which I am happy to say is now provided for. During the last six months the members of the Congregation, have come generously forward and subscribed the whole amount, \$9300, the most of which has been already cheerfully paid. In other respects also the Parish is in a flourishing condition, and I trust that God will continue to give us His blessing, without which we can do nothing.

### **Hampshire County.**

*St. John's Church, Northampton.*

THE REV. HENRY H. BEAN, Rector.

Confirmed, 5. Communicants, added, 8. Marriages, 4. Burials, 4. Sunday School: Scholars, about 40. Teachers, 7. Contributions for various purposes, \$185.86.

There has been no very material change in the condition of this Parish since my last report. There have been some losses by deaths and removals, a few have been received into the Parish, about sufficient to supply our losses. The Rector regrets that he cannot report any material improvement.

**Franklin County.**

*St. James's Church, Greenfield.*

[No Report.]

*St. John's Church, Ashfield.*

THE REV. T. B. FLOWER, Rector.

Communicants, 31 ; added, 1. Burials, 3. Marriage, 1. Diocesan Missions, \$11.61 ; Foreign Missions, \$5 ; Domestic Missions, \$2 ; Western Missionary, \$6 ; Convention Fund, \$2 ; Juvenile Missionary Society, \$5 ; Offertory, \$11.75. Sunday School Scholars, 18 ; Teachers, 4. Ladies' Sewing Society, \$15.

**Berkshire County.**

*St. Luke's Church, Lanesboro'.*

THE REV. S. BRENTON SHAW, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 4, adults 3,) 7. Communicants : added, 4 ; died or removed, 4 ; present number, 60. Confirmed, 3. Marriages, 4. Burials, 12. Sunday School, 60. Missionary Contributions : Foreign, \$5 ; Domestic, \$13 ; Diocesan, \$10 ; Total, \$28. Other contributions within the Parish, \$912 ; without the Parish, \$25 ; Total, \$965.

Some important changes have taken place in this ancient Parish during the year. The former Wardens, after 32 years of faithful service, have given place to younger heads and hands. One of its oldest and most liberal supporters, whose deeds of benevolence and piety were commensurate with his means and love of duty, has gone to his reward, deeply lamented by the Church at large.

A beautiful and fine toned organ, of fourteen stops power, has been recently placed in the orchestra.

The Parsonage house and appurtenances are soon to undergo extensive repairs.

The Church is out of debt, and peace and quietness prevail.

Large contributions to Missions, as usual, have been made by members of this Church in their own name, not included in this report.

*St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield.*

THE REV. J. STEARNS, Rector.

Having but lately assumed the Rectorship of this Church, my report is necessarily very imperfect.

Baptisms, (infants,) 3. Marriages, 2. Burials, 7. Confirmed, 3. Collections: Domestic Missions, \$12; Communion Alms, \$26.29; Easter collection for Foreign Missions, \$25.87; Domestic Missions, \$9.19; Collection for Sunday School purposes, \$5.11; Missionary collections in Sunday School, \$3.71; Total, \$82.17.

*St. James's Church, Great Barrington.*

THE REV. JOHN T. HUNTINGTON, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 23, adults 10,) 33. Communicants, about 100. Confirmed, 9. Marriages, 3. Burials, 19. Sunday School Scholars, 80. Foreign Missions, \$25; Domestic Missions, \$50; Diocesan Missions, \$30.72; Nashotah, \$23; Mission Church in Minneapolis, \$5; Missionary to Dacotah, \$3; Episcopal Missionary Association for the West, \$25; To a Student at St. Stephen's College, \$10; To St. George's Church, Lee, a Communion Set and \$10; For Sunday School Library, \$39.99; For Parish Library, \$13.99; Easter Offering, \$168.45.

Three Sunday Schools have been organized and are now in successful operation in the School District near the Parish church,

at which all the schools meet on the first Sunday of the month, to be catechised by the Rector.

*Trinity Church, Van Deusenville.*

THE REV. J. A. PENNIMAN, Rector.

Confirmed, 1. Marriage, 1. Deaths, 2. Domestic and Foreign Missions, \$13.46; Church Bible and Prayer Book Society, \$5; Communion Offerings, \$11.75.

This incomplete report is due to the fact that the Rector has but recently returned to the Parish, after an absence of some months. In October of 1862, I resigned charge of it, and as Chaplain entered the service of the Volunteer Army of the United States. Having been discharged from the same in April last, on account of sickness, I have again accepted the rectorship of this Parish.

It is worthy of record that the spirit and endeavors of this people have been roused beyond their experience of years past, and we look for God's blessing, hoping for purity and growth in Christ our Divine Redeemer.

*St. Andrew's Church, New Boston.*

[No Report.]

*St. Paul's Church, Otis.*

[No Report.]

*St. Paul's Church, Stockbridge.*

THE REV. S. P. PARKER, D.D., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 7, adult 1,) 8. Communicants: added, 5; died or removed, 2; present number, 70. Confirmed, 3. Marriages, 4. Burials, 4. Foreign Missions, \$10; Domestic, \$35;

### *Appendix.*

~~Report~~ ~~1898~~: Sunday School Books, \$33; Poor friend, in-  
~~terest~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~Rev.~~ ~~Dr.~~ ~~George~~ ~~C.~~ ~~Shattuck~~, \$72; Offertory, \$90;  
~~and~~ ~~for~~ ~~other~~ ~~purposes~~, \$6; Sanitary Commission, \$132; Total,

~~The~~ ~~Church~~ ~~has~~ continued to feel the reduction of its resour-  
~~ces~~ ~~by~~ ~~the~~ ~~war~~. We have less to expend  
~~on~~ ~~the~~ ~~Church~~. On the other hand we have contributed more than  
~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~past~~ ~~year~~ to the Sanitary Commission. We have lost  
~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~Church~~ and Congregation, by absence and death in the  
~~war~~. But the usual work of the Sunday School and Bible  
~~work~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~village~~ of South Lee, has been continued. And the  
~~social~~ ~~attendance~~ in the village proper has improved.

#### *Trinity Church, Lenox.*

THE REV. JUSTIN FIELD, Rector.

~~Report~~ ~~1898~~. 1. Communicants, 40; added, 5. Confirmed, 2.  
~~Report~~ ~~1898~~. 1. Contributions: For repairing the Church, about  
~~\$100~~; For Foreign Missions, \$15; Diocesan Missions, \$20;  
~~for~~ ~~Sanitary~~ ~~Commission~~, \$42.67.

#### *St. George's Church, Lee.*

[No Report.]

#### *St. John's Church, North Adams.*

THE REV. ROBERT WEEKS, Rector.

~~Report~~ ~~1898~~. (adults 2, infants 10,) 12. Confirmed, 10. Com-  
~~municants~~: numbered at last report, 64; died, 3; removed, 5;  
~~added~~ ~~10~~; making the present number, 66. Sunday School  
~~Teachers~~ and Officers, 21; Scholars, 90. Contributions aside  
~~from~~ ~~for~~ ~~rents~~: For Parish purposes, \$50; Domestic Mis-  
~~sions~~ ~~\$5~~; Diocesan, \$5; Collections for Poor, &c., through  
~~the~~ ~~Offertory~~, \$13.96; Total, 73.96.

The Parish has, on the whole, been blessed during the past year. The attendance on the various religious services, has been excellent. Increased zeal is manifested within the Parish, in all matters of interest connected with the Church. A parsonage next to the Church has been secured, and the grounds around the Church will be improved this Summer. Services are still held at South Adams in the afternoon, and earnest feeling is there expressed for a Church building; we having occupied the Methodist place of worship now for nearly three years. Perhaps I might explain our deficit in regard to the Missions of the Church. The Parish has been taxed so heavily within itself that I have not thought it prudent to urge the subject. But, God being my helper, I hope to do more for the ensuing year.

### Barnstable County.

*Church of the Messiah, Wood's Hole.*

[No Report.]

*St. John's Church, Sandwich.*

[No Report.]

*To the Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts :*

Ill health compelled me to leave the North Western Missionary Diocese, and return to the climate of the sea shore. My letters dimissory took effect on the 1st of April last, at which time also is dated my appointment as a Missionary of the American Church Missionary Society.

The services of the Protestant Episcopal Church have never been celebrated here before. The progress of this Mission must necessarily be slow, but we think we have a sufficient number of influential adherents to secure, with God's blessing, our eventual success.

JOHN WEST.

*Holmes's Hole, Martha's Vineyard, May 20, 1863.*



*To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts :*

I respectfully report that, since the last Convention, I have been regularly engaged in the discharge of my duties as Chaplain at the Boston Navy Yard. I have officiated twice every Sunday in the chapel,—administered the Holy Communion on the first Sunday in each month, and visited sick and disabled Seamen in the Naval Hospital at Chelsea at least three times a week during the year. The number of patients in the Hospital has, of late, been unusually large, and that institution has consequently occupied a greater share of my time and services than in any preceding year. Bibles, Tracts, &c., have been distributed at the Hospital and placed on board ships of war fitted out at this Naval Station.

Baptisms, 2. Communicants, 7. Burials, 14.

M. B. CHASE, *Chaplain U. S. Navy.*

*To the Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D.D., }  
Bishop of Massachusetts :*

In compliance with the requisitions of the Canon, I respectfully report that, during the past year, I have continued to officiate on board of the U. S. ship Ohio ; I have read prayers, and have preached a sermon every Sunday morning, and have visited the ship on week-days, as often as occasion required. I have furnished Prayer-Books to many sailors who were drafted from the Receiving Ship to sea-going vessels, and in some cases have had the satisfaction of learning, that they were both thankfully received and faithfully used.

As Assistant Minister of St. Stephen's Chapel, I have preached regularly every Sunday afternoon. I have also rendered such assistance as was found necessary on week-days, in the daily service of Morning and Evening Prayer, in visiting all the families belonging to the Parish, and otherwise in ministering to the necessities of the poor, the destitute, the sick, the wounded and the afflicted, as opportunities have offered.

Besides these regular services, I have occasionally officiated

for some of my Rev. Brethren in Boston and the neighborhood.

JOHN L. WATSON, Chaplain U. S. Navy.

Boston, May 20, 1863.

To the Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D.D., }  
Bishop of the Diocese :

In compliance with the Canons, I herewith respectfully report as follows :

From the date of my last report until the sixth day of August, 1862, I continued in the service of the United States, as Chaplain of the 18th Regiment of Massachusetts Volunteers, then on duty in Virginia. At that time I felt obliged to resign my commission, on account of greatly impaired health. During the four months following, I was incapacitated for all ministerial labor, by severe sickness. Since the commencement of the present year, I have been able to officiate from Sunday to Sunday in the different parishes of this Diocese as occasion required.

During the Conventional year, I have said the Burial service over the remains of six soldiers, part of whom were killed in battle. I have also officiated at three funerals in this Diocese, and baptised one infant.

B. F. DE COSTA.

Charlestown, May 25, 1863.

To the Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D.D., }  
Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts :

I have preached in behalf of the American Bible Society during the past Conventional year, in the following churches, viz :

Massachusetts.—St. James's Church, Roxbury ; Court House, Ipswich ; St. Andrew's Church, Hanover ; St. Peter's Church, Salem ; St. Stephen's Church, Lynn ; Grace Church, Lawrence ; St. Matthew's Church, South Boston ; Christ Church, Hyde Park ; Christ Church, Springfield ; St. John's Church, Jamaica

Plain ; St. Paul's Church, Boston ; Emmanuel Church, Boston ; Christ Church, Boston ; Trinity Church, Boston ; Church of the Messiah, Boston ; St. Mary's Church, Boston ; St. Paul's Church, Dedham ; Grace Church, Medford ; St. Paul's Church, Brookline ; St. Mary's Church, Newton Lower Falls.

*Rhode Island.*—St. John's Church, Providence ; Grace Church, Providence ; St. Michael's Church, Bristol ; Christ Church, Westerly.

*Connecticut.*—St. Paul's Church, New Haven ; Trinity Church, New Haven ; Christ Church, New Haven.

*Vermont.*—St. Michael's Church, Brattleboro' ; Christ Church, Guilford ; St. Andrew's Church, Norwich ; Christ Church, Montpelier.

*New Hampshire.*—St. Thomas's Church, Hanover.

*New York.*—St. George's Church, Astoria ; Church of the Incarnation, New York ; Christ Church, Brooklyn ; St. Thomas's Church, Ravenswood ; Church of the Mediator, New York ; Church of the Epiphany, New York ; St. Mark's Church, New York ; St. Peter's Church, Brooklyn ; Christ Church, Manhasset ; Christ Church Chapel, Roslyn ; Church of the Evangelists, Oswego ; St. Michael's Church, Geneseo ; St. John's Church, Mount Morris ; Grace Church, Nunda ; St. Mark's Church, Le Roy ; St. Luke's Church, Rochester ; Trinity Church, Rochester.

*New Jersey.*—Trinity Church, Mount Holly ; St. Andrew's Church, Mount Holly ; St. Michael's Church, Trenton ; St. Paul's Church, Trenton ; Trinity Church, Trenton.

*Pennsylvania.*—Church of the Holy Trinity, Philadelphia ; Gloria Dei Church, Philadelphia ; Church of the Covenant, Philadelphia ; St. Philip's Church, Philadelphia ; St. Luke's Church, Philadelphia ; Church of the Saviour, West Philadelphia ; Church of the Redeemer, Philadelphia ; Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia ; St. Matthew's Church, Philadelphia.

The past year has witnessed no abatement of interest in our Bible work. The six hundred thousand soldiers mustered into

the service, during the year, called for an extraordinary effort. This call was promptly met. And another is now pressing upon us. Large numbers require to be re-supplied. The exposures of the camp, the abrasion of the pocket and the knapsack, and the losses on battle-fields, require that two-thirds or three-fourths of the men should be re-supplied after a service of one year. And this work is now going forward. But the past year has not only been one of work, but it has also been prolific of fruits. Our correspondence has been full of testimony to the preciousness of the Word of God, to the soldier. After nearly every sermon I have preached, inquiries have been made, whether this or that incident recited, did not relate to their *friend*, their *son*, or their *brother*. "His case," they would say, "was strangely like it." These testimonies confirm our faith, and strengthen our hands. That God's applying and sanctifying grace may accompany his Word, is our constant prayer.

EDMUND F. SLAFTER.

*To the Right Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese :*

I resigned the charge of Christ Church, Clappville, in August last, where I had labored, I trust, not entirely uselessly, for the period of thirteen years. At that time I received an appointment from the President as Chaplain in the United States Army, and was assigned to duty in the "Foster General Hospital," at Newbern, N. C., and commenced my services there on the 4th day of September, 1862.

I have under my pastoral care from three hundred to four hundred patients, and have striven to make myself useful in administering comfort and consolation to the sick and wounded soldiers under my charge, as God has given me the ability.

I have baptised 3 adults and 2 children, married 9 couple—mostly colored people—and attended 92 funerals.

In addition to frequent religious services in the different wards of the hospital, I have a regular service and a sermon every Sunday in the Chapel, for the benefit of the patients, and have held one service and preached nearly every Lord's Day, in

Christ Church, in this city,—generally to large congregations, composed mostly of the officers and troops stationed in this department.

J. HILL ROUSE,  
Chaplain U. S. A.

Newbern, N. C., May 9, 1863.

*To the Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D.D., Bishop of Massachusetts :*

My annual report of clerical duty is meagre this year as last. My prostrated health puts work out of the question. I have on a few occasions rendered some little assistance in the services of the Church, and perhaps once or twice read the full morning service, but I have not preached, nor, I think, done any other duty which requires special mention.

May 18, 1863.

BENJAMIN HALE.

*To the Rt. Rev. Dr. Eastburn, Bishop of the }  
Diocese of Massachusetts :*

The continuance of infirm health has prevented me from doing much in the ministry, during the past year ; yet when I have had opportunity and ability, I have done what I could.

GEORGE C. SHEPARD.

Boston, May 20, 1863.

*To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts :*

The undersigned, according to the provisions of the Canon, would respectfully report, that since the resignation of his late charge, at Easter last, he has officiated at one funeral, and performed regular services and preached as health and opportunity permitted ; on one occasion administering the Holy Communion. For my official acts previous to Easter, I refer you to the report of the Parish at Fall River. I trust that, by the blessing of a kind Providence, with freedom from parochial cares and responsibility, I shall be able, after a little respite, to do full duty on

Sundays, not being willing, without necessity, to forbear preaching the Gospel of the blessed God.

E. M. PORTER.

*Providence, R. I., May, 19, 1863.*

*To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese :*

I have been compelled by ill health to remain inactive during the past year. I have preached once, assisted in the service three times and baptized two infants.

H. A. YARDLY.

*New Haven, Conn., May 2, 1863.*

*To the Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D.D., }  
Bishop of the Diocese :*

The undersigned respectfully reports to the Convention of the Diocese of Massachusetts, that he continued to officiate during May and June of last year, at or near Pittsburg, Pa.

Since that time he has been employed in various Parishes in the Diocese of New York. Is now residing at Sag Harbor, N. Y., without regular Parochial charge, but assisting (temporarily) the Rector of Christ Church, in that village. Has preached frequently during the past year, officiated at several funerals, and on other occasions, and neglected no opportunity for usefulness in his sacred calling wherever Providence seemed to open the way.

CHARLES H. GARDNER.

*Sag Harbor, N. Y., May 14, 1863.*

*To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese :*

I would respectfully report that my labors during the year, have been much the same, in kind and in point of numbers, as those of the year preceding, consisting chiefly of the supply of vacant Parishes from Sunday to Sunday. I hope, that by the blessing of God, I shall be enabled in the coming year, to enter upon some more regular and permanent engagement.

A. CROSWELL.

*To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts :*

During the last Conventional year the undersigned has officiated as follows : In St. John's Church, Millville, eight Sundays ; St. John's Lowell, six ; St. Stephen's, Lynn, four ; All Saints' Worcester, three ; Grace, Medford, three ; Calvary, Danvers, two ; St. Paul's, Newburyport, two ; Christ, Waltham, one ; St. Mary's, Dorchester, one ; Trinity, Melrose, one ; St. Andrew's, Hanover, one ; Emmanuel, Somerville, one ; St. Peter's, Cambridgeport, one ; Church of the Advent, Boston, one ; Missionary Station, Gloucester, one ; House of Reformation, Deer Island, one ; all in this State. In Grace Church, Bath, Me., one Sunday, and in St. Thomas's Church, Dover, New Hampshire, one Sunday.

During the same time he has baptised one infant, solemnized four marriages, and officiated at five funerals.

Chelsea, May 20, 1863.

WM. S. BARTLET.

*To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts :*

I respectfully report that I have been engaged in the duties of my office as often as my services have been required, have administered the Holy Communion four times, assisted in its administration six times, baptised one infant, and preached thirty-two sermons.

Hyde Park, May, 19, 1863.

F. A. FOXCROFT.

*To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts :*

During the last Conventional year, I have read service on the whole or part of every Lord's day, and occasionally during the week ; have preached seventy-six times ; baptised three infants ; solemnized two weddings, and buried three persons.

On the 22d of last month, I was admitted to the Priesthood, in Grace Church, Boston. I am now ministering in All Saints' Church, Worcester, the Rector of the Parish being absent in Europe.

SAMUEL S. SPEAR.

*To the Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese :*

I submit the following report of my labors. I was ordained as Deacon on the 10th of July last. For a few months after that date, I preached in various parishes as my services were required. On the 14th of November, I became assistant to the Rev. F. D. Huntington, D.D., Rector of Emmanuel Church, Boston, and in that capacity I took charge of the Mission connected with Emmanuel Church. Evening service has been held at the Mission Rooms at Nassau Hall, every Sunday evening, and during Lent both morning and evening services were held. I have baptised 19 infants and officiated at one funeral. On the 1st of May, my connection with Dr. Huntington ceased.

Boston, May 20, 1863.

CHARLES H. LEAROYD.

*To the Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese :*

So soon as I withdrew from the interesting Parish I founded in the upper part of Somerville, for reasons well known, the words of the original Commission, came home to me, once more, "Go preach the Gospel." Immediately I sought out another place, to found still another refuge for weary perishing souls, and where also, I might not build on another man's foundation.

Providence soon opened to me a door, by providing for my occupancy a Chapel, in East Somerville, once used as a Universalist Meeting House, and more lately by Spiritualists.

May the Holy Spirit make this New Temple redolent with the sweet fragrance of Prayer, "from the recesses of many a lowly spirit," and vocal with the praise of multitudes, who shall say, "Come unto me, and I will tell you what God has done for my soul !"

N. G. ALLEN.

*To the Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D.D., }  
Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts : }*

Having found my health sufficiently recovered for regular duty, I have accepted the position of Episcopal Missionary to the City Institutions on Blackwell's and Randall's Islands.

I have been constantly occupied, except during a short vaca-



tion, since the last Convention—chiefly in Philadelphia, but the last two months in making trial of the work upon which have now enlisted.

May 4, 1863.

EDWARD COWLEY

*To the Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D.D. :*

The undersigned was appointed by you as “missionary large” in the Diocese of Massachusetts, “for the purpose of visiting places where the services of our Church have never been established, and commencing such services in towns, where there seems a favorable prospect of success.” This appointment was made on the date of November 5th, 1862. The undersigned had commenced such a work, nearly one month previously, and had communicated to the Bishop and other Christian brethren, the prospect which seemed to invite our efforts in the blessed cause of the Divine Master and that branch of His Church to which we belong.

Occasional services had been held at Oxford, and a desire was expressed, that they might also be commenced at Webster, an adjoining village, but no positive engagements were made for regular services. At these occasional visits, no difficulty was found in obtaining a hall or a church, the attendance was good, and a wish expressed that they might be made more permanent.

Thus things remained, when the stronger claims of Fitchburg were urged, where regular services were begun early in November. The “Lower Town Hall” was obtained for the use of the new Parish, both morning and afternoon. A good choir was organized, and the services of our Church, in all their beautiful completeness, were begun, thus “sounding out” the blessed Gospel to many ears in a new and more attractive guise. We soon found, by a thorough canvass of the town, that a number of its families had been Episcopally educated; and others were disposed candidly to consider the benefits of the new mode of worship. The older members of our Church, who had not enjoyed her services for many years, were deeply attracted. The effective harmonies of our evangelical ritual drew tea-

many eyes. The "Te Deum," and other portions of the services, awakened old memories, and drew forth the ardent prayer, that God would own and bless the effort now being made. It was blessed. The American Church Missionary Society, through its Committee at New York, informed of the state of things, determined to make a liberal appropriation towards the support of a Pastor for one year; and at the first business meeting of the people, held in the ladies parlor at the American House, in December, they thereupon subscribed nearly one thousand dollars for the support of services.

Divine service was continued on every Sunday morning and afternoon, there being no omission from the commencement. Three adults and three children were added, by baptism, to the Church, the three former giving every evidence of a fitness to enter upon the duties of full Communion, and are now candidates for Confirmation. At the first celebration of the Holy Communion, fourteen persons were present.

Thus matters continued, there being nearly every Sunday some new addition to the Church, until Easter, when the Rev. Henry L. Jones entered upon his duties as their pastor; the Church no doubt continuing to increase under his faithful labors. On relinquishing charge, services were at once commenced at Milbury, where there seems a fair prospect of success. So far, divine worship has been held only once on every Sunday, until Sunday last, when we obtained the use of the Town Hall for two services—with this exception the Hall has been occupied by the Baptists on the usual hour of divine service; we have in consequence used the Hall at half past four, P. M. The attendance has been good, and considerable interest manifested, the responses show a goodly number who are acquainted with our mode of worship. Subscriptions are now being taken to ascertain the amount that can be obtained for the support of services for one year. Two persons have pledged \$50 each. A few weeks will determine whether this is a case needing the generous aid of the Church at large. The responses in the last service seemed to indicate a much larger number acquainted with the ritual than at any former time.

On Sunday, May 15th, services which had been earnestly

called for, were commenced at Milford. Some time was spent during the previous week, in conferring with the people on the subject—a convenient Hall, and the services of a good Choir were obtained without difficulty. The *Milford Journal* of Saturday last, announced that the Rev. Reese F. Alsop, of Framingham, would conduct the services of the Episcopal Church in Irving Hall, at half past four, P. M. Rev. Mr. Alsop has kindly consented to aid me in maintaining regular service at this very important town, having at present over ten thousand population. Since writing the above, I have seen Mr. Alsop, and have also myself conducted two services on Sunday, May 24th. Monday the 25th I spent in organizing a choir; no difficulty was found in procuring the services of professional singers. The attendance upon these services is large, and the prospect quite as good to all appearance as at Fitchburg. Should matters at Milford progress as they have, I shall not hesitate to confine my whole attention to Milford until a pastor is appointed—depending upon such aid as I am able to obtain from neighboring Clergymen to supply Milbury and Oxford. The indications here are encouraging, and with God's blessing upon the faithful labors and prayers of the Church, we may see here also, a new Church arising to rejoice the hearts of his people.

The results of the new Missionary effort of the past six months are briefly as follows :

1st. The establishment of a new Church at Fitchburg, and the calling of a permanent Pastor, the Rev. Henry L. Jones, of New York.

2d. The opening of services in four important towns, where the services of our Church had never before been heard, viz : Oxford, Milbury, Milford and Fitchburg. In all these places there is a fair prospect of success, if not immediate, certainly at no remote period.

Why Oxford and Webster have received no more notice, in this report, is from my simple inability to attend properly to more than one place at the same time. These people are patiently awaiting the time when their wants can be supplied. In all these places good choirs have been in attendance, and our beau-

tiful liturgy has been presented in all its fulness—in fact, in much greater completeness than in many of our old parishes, where great pretension is made to Churchmanship. In all cases, the vestments of our Church have been used. I am much indebted to the Margaret Coffin Prayer Book Society, for generous donations in Prayer Books, which have been freely used.

Over one thousand persons have thus listened to our services, and enjoyed the preaching of the blessed Gospel. The field is ripe for the harvest, and we may confidently hope that faithful laborers will be found to enter and reap the precious fruits.

We do not desire to magnify this work, but hope the above statements will gratify all members of Christ's Holy Catholic Church.

WILLIAM G. HAWKINS, *Missionary at Large.*

*To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts :*

The undersigned has officiated, to the extent of his ability, in assisting the Rector of St. Paul's Church, Brookline, and other brethren in Boston and its immediate vicinity.

Since May 1st, 1862, he has acted as Editor of the Christian Witness and Church Advocate.

THEODORE W. SNOW.

*To the Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D.D., Bishop of Massachusetts :*

In compliance with the requisition of the Canon, the undersigned would respectfully report that he has officiated on every Lord's day during the last Conventional year ;] during the first five months immediately following the Convention, at the Church of the Advent and other Churches in the vicinity of Boston, and for the remainder of the time, at the Missionary Station in Gloucester.

During the year he has officiated at six baptisms, two weddings, and four burials.

May, 1863.

J. R. PEIRCE.

Dr. CLERICAL FUND ASSOCIATION in account with J. W. CLARK, Treasurer. Cr.

| 1862.   |                                                                       | 1863.    |           | By amt. on hand as reported, .....                                                         |         |
|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| May 31  | To paid for \$100 U. S. 7 3-10 note 105 and accrued interest, .....   | \$106 20 | Jan'y. 20 | " St. Thomas's, Taunton, .....                                                             | \$32 84 |
| Nov. 21 | To paid for \$50 U.S. 7 3-10 note 104 1-4 and accrued interest, ..... | 52 73    | " 28      | " Christ Church, Andover, .....                                                            | 10 00   |
| Feb. 20 | To paid for \$50 U.S. 7 3-10 note 101 5-8 and accrued interest, ..... | 51 32    | Nov. 21   | " Emmanuel Church, Boston, .....                                                           | 17 00   |
| Mar. 25 | To paid for \$50 U.S. 7 3-10 note 107 1-2 and accrued interest, ..... | 55 50    | Feb'y. 20 | " interest warrants on \$800 7 3-10 U. S. Treasury Notes coll., with pre. on same, .....   | 55 00   |
| May 26  | To paid Record Book for Secretary, .....                              | 2 50     | Jan'y. 20 | " Emmanuel Church, Boston, .....                                                           | 37 61   |
|         | Balance on hand carried to new account, .....                         | 26 65    | Mch. 25   | " St. Paul's, .....                                                                        | 55 53   |
|         |                                                                       |          | May 15    | " interest warrants on \$850 7 3-10 Treasury Notes, collected, with premium on same, ..... | 25 00   |
|         |                                                                       |          | " 19      | " Christ Church, Plymouth, .....                                                           | 44 05   |
|         |                                                                       |          |           | " St. Thomas's Church, Taunton, .....                                                      | 6 62    |
|         |                                                                       |          |           |                                                                                            | 11 25   |
|         |                                                                       | \$294 90 |           |                                                                                            |         |
|         |                                                                       |          | June 1.   | By Balance on hand, .....                                                                  | 294 90  |
|         |                                                                       |          |           |                                                                                            | \$28 65 |

The invested funds of the Association, June 1, 1863, were \$860 in the U. S. 7 3-10 Treasury Notes.  
 BOSTON, June 1, 1863.  
 J. W. CLARK, Treasurer.

# Abstract of Parochial Reports. May, 1863.

| Twp. | Churches.     | Rectors.              | Baptisms. |         |        | Communi-<br>cants. |                              |                    | Confirmed. | Marriages. | Burials. | Sunday School<br>Scholars. | Contributions for<br>religious purposes. |                            |
|------|---------------|-----------------------|-----------|---------|--------|--------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|------------|------------|----------|----------------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
|      |               |                       | Infants.  | Adults. | Total. | Added.             | Dis-<br>cled, or<br>removed. | Present<br>Number. |            |            |          |                            | Without<br>the Par-<br>ish.              | Within<br>the Par-<br>ish. |
| y    | St. James's   | D. G. Estes, D. D.    | 2         | 2       | 4      | 6                  | 9                            | 64                 | 4          | ...        | 4        | 56                         | 810 00                                   | 8422 00                    |
|      | Christ        | B. B. Babbitt         | 7         | ...     | 7      | 9                  | 14                           | 115                | 4          | ...        | 14       | 100                        | 614 00                                   | 257 10                     |
| y    | St. John's    | Vacant                | ...       | ...     | ...    | ...                | ...                          | 81                 | ...        | ...        | 1        | 3                          | 31 61                                    | 26 75                      |
|      | Trinity       | M. Eastburn, D. D.    | 10        | 4       | 14     | ...                | ...                          | 300                | 12         | 6          | 20       | 183                        | 7255 71                                  | 1646 73                    |
| y    | Christ        | J. T. Burrill [D. D.] | 30        | 2       | 32     | 24                 | 20                           | 71                 | 14         | 19         | 20       | 90                         | 70 15                                    | 217 40                     |
|      | St. Paul's    | W. R. Nicholson       | 13        | 8       | 16     | ...                | ...                          | 400                | 9          | 7          | 19       | ...                        | 7148 67                                  | 1260 11                    |
| y    | Grace         | S. H. Hillard         | 10        | 5       | 15     | ...                | ...                          | 200                | ...        | ...        | 1        | 115                        | 70 24                                    | 146 87                     |
|      | Messiah       | G. M. Randall, D. D.  | 14        | 7       | 21     | 22                 | 16                           | 347                | 18         | 11         | 12       | 160                        | 896 78                                   | 360 00                     |
| y    | Advent        | J. A. Bolles, D. D.   | 22        | 11      | 40     | 23                 | 11                           | 496                | 22         | 11         | 30       | 120                        | 3527 80                                  | 8108 13                    |
|      | St. Mark's    | M. P. Stuckney.       | ...       | ...     | ...    | ...                | ...                          | 280                | 13         | 7          | 14       | 120                        | 143 98                                   | 1021 11                    |
| y    | Emmanuel      | C. F. Knight [D. D.]  | 22        | 6       | 28     | ...                | ...                          | 300                | 41         | 10         | 22       | 290                        | 4520 30                                  | 2218 75                    |
|      | St. Stephen's | F. D. Huntington.     | 45        | 14      | 59     | ...                | ...                          | 300                | ...        | ...        | ...      | ...                        | ...                                      | ...                        |
| y    | St. Stephen's | E. M. P. Wells, D. D. | 64        | 1       | 65     | ...                | ...                          | 300                | 14         | 20         | 41       | 185                        | 1537 00                                  | ...                        |
|      | St. Matthew's | J. L. Watson, D. D.   | ...       | ...     | ...    | ...                | ...                          | 300                | ...        | ...        | ...      | ...                        | ...                                      | ...                        |
| y    | St. Matthew's | J. I. T. Coolidge     | 34        | ...     | 34     | 25                 | 13                           | 160                | 10         | 10         | 29       | 200                        | 103 00                                   | 534 77                     |
|      | St. John's    | H. McClory            | 33        | 4       | 37     | ...                | ...                          | 100                | 16         | 9          | 17       | 130                        | ...                                      | ...                        |
| y    | Seaman's Chap | J. T. Burrill         | ...       | ...     | ...    | ...                | ...                          | ...                | ...        | ...        | ...      | ...                        | ...                                      | ...                        |
|      | St. Mary's    | J. P. Robinson        | 20        | 4       | 24     | ...                | ...                          | 93                 | 13         | 14         | 15       | 40                         | ...                                      | ...                        |
| y    | Trinity*      | A. L. Baur            | ...       | ...     | ...    | ...                | ...                          | 20                 | 4          | ...        | ...      | ...                        | ...                                      | ...                        |
|      | St. Paul's*   | F. Wharton            | ...       | ...     | ...    | ...                | ...                          | 110                | 7          | ...        | ...      | 100                        | ...                                      | ...                        |
| y    | Christ        | N. Hoppin, D. D.      | 28        | 5       | 33     | 41                 | 28                           | 225                | 12         | 7          | 8        | 198                        | 1607 64                                  | 2370 00                    |
|      | St. Peter's*  | Vacant                | ...       | ...     | ...    | ...                | ...                          | 60                 | ...        | ...        | ...      | ...                        | ...                                      | ...                        |
| y    | St. John's    | T. R. Lambert         | 69        | 7       | 75     | ...                | ...                          | 305                | 22         | 11         | 42       | 270                        | 363 00                                   | 435 43                     |
|      | St. Luke's    | E. B. Palmer          | 2         | ...     | 2      | ...                | ...                          | ...                | ...        | ...        | 1        | ...                        | ...                                      | ...                        |
| y    | St. Andrew's  | P. B. Morgan          | 6         | ...     | 6      | ...                | ...                          | 54                 | 10         | 1          | 5        | 60                         | ...                                      | ...                        |
|      | Grace*        | Vacant                | ...       | ...     | ...    | ...                | ...                          | 30                 | ...        | ...        | ...      | 30                         | ...                                      | ...                        |
| y    | Christ        | W. B. Colburn         | 9         | ...     | 9      | 3                  | ...                          | 48                 | 1          | ...        | ...      | ...                        | ...                                      | ...                        |
|      | Calvary       | R. F. Chase           | 1         | ...     | 1      | ...                | ...                          | 5                  | 45         | ...        | 3        | 5                          | ...                                      | ...                        |
| y    | St. Paul's    | S. B. Babcock         | 16        | 2       | 18     | 10                 | 15                           | 140                | ...        | ...        | ...      | ...                        | 738 67                                   | 141 66                     |
|      | St. Mary's    | W. H. Mills           | 5         | 6       | 11     | 27                 | 6                            | 124                | 18         | 2          | 8        | 85                         | 400 47                                   | 3551 26                    |
| y    | Christ        | A. H. Washburn        | 4         | ...     | 4      | ...                | ...                          | 88                 | 4          | ...        | ...      | 35                         | 15 00                                    | 106 73                     |
|      | Ascension     | Vacant                | 40        | 1       | 41     | 11                 | 2                            | 121                | 6          | 9          | 19       | 200                        | 69 12                                    | 30 34                      |
| y    | St. John's    | R. F. Alsop           | 3         | 2       | 5      | ...                | ...                          | 55                 | 14         | 2          | ...      | 75                         | ...                                      | 278 41                     |
|      | St. James's   | J. T. Huntington      | 23        | 10      | 33     | ...                | ...                          | 100                | 9          | 3          | 10       | 80                         | 151 70                                   | 222 40                     |
| y    | St. James's*  | S. H. Jones           | ...       | ...     | ...    | ...                | ...                          | 170                | 4          | ...        | ...      | 125                        | ...                                      | ...                        |
|      | St. Andrew's  | S. Cutler             | ...       | 1       | 1      | 4                  | 5                            | 106                | 6          | 6          | 5        | 50                         | 580 46                                   | 169 73                     |
| y    | Trinity       | C. H. Seymour         | 3         | ...     | 3      | 6                  | ...                          | 56                 | 5          | 4          | 6        | 50                         | 10 00                                    | 75 00                      |
|      | St. Paul's    | A. L. Baur            | 3         | ...     | 3      | ...                | ...                          | 20                 | ...        | 1          | 6        | ...                        | 7 00                                     | 21 00                      |
| y    | St. Luke's    | S. B. Shaw            | 4         | 2       | 7      | 4                  | 4                            | 60                 | 8          | 4          | 12       | 60                         | 53 00                                    | 912 00                     |
|      | Grace         | G. Packard            | 42        | 2       | 44     | 29                 | 17                           | 141                | 7          | 7          | 2        | 225                        | 315 38                                   | 465 00                     |
| y    | St. George's* | S. J. Sawyer          | ...       | ...     | ...    | ...                | ...                          | 60                 | ...        | ...        | ...      | 80                         | ...                                      | ...                        |
|      | Trinity       | J. Field              | 1         | ...     | 1      | 5                  | ...                          | 40                 | 2          | ...        | ...      | ...                        | 77 67                                    | 500 60                     |
| y    | St. Anne's    | T. Edson, D. D.       | 67        | 10      | 77     | 61                 | 28                           | 400                | 52         | 20         | 37       | 350                        | 708 00                                   | 280 63                     |
|      | St. John's    | C. B. Smith           | ...       | ...     | ...    | ...                | ...                          | 139                | ...        | ...        | ...      | 100                        | ...                                      | ...                        |
| y    | St. Stephen's | Vacant                | 9         | 7       | 16     | 10                 | 4                            | 80                 | 10         | 5          | 18       | 60                         | 15 90                                    | 151 00                     |
|      | Grace         | D. Potter             | 7         | 8       | 10     | ...                | ...                          | 16                 | ...        | 1          | 3        | ...                        | 250 00                                   | ...                        |
| y    | St. Michael's | E. B. Chase           | 18        | ...     | 18     | 6                  | 8                            | 76                 | 6          | 6          | 12       | 150                        | 240 50                                   | 740 00                     |
|      | Grace         | C. H. Learoyd         | 5         | 1       | 6      | ...                | ...                          | 45                 | 4          | 1          | 1        | 50                         | 150 84                                   | 68 77                      |
| y    | Trinity*      | J. B. Richmond        | ...       | ...     | ...    | ...                | ...                          | 65                 | 4          | ...        | ...      | 72                         | ...                                      | ...                        |
|      | St. John's    | G. Rumney             | 17        | 6       | 23     | 13                 | 13                           | 63                 | 14         | 1          | 6        | 80                         | 40 45                                    | 40 81                      |
| y    | St. Paul's*   | Vacant                | ...       | ...     | ...    | ...                | ...                          | 25                 | ...        | ...        | ...      | 40                         | ...                                      | ...                        |
|      | Grace         | J. Mulchahey          | 10        | ...     | 10     | ...                | ...                          | 180                | 2          | 6          | 8        | 140                        | 118 00                                   | 175 00                     |
| y    | St. Andrew's* | Vacant                | ...       | ...     | ...    | ...                | ...                          | 12                 | ...        | ...        | ...      | 30                         | ...                                      | ...                        |
|      | St. Paul's    | W. Horton, D. D.      | 20        | 2       | 22     | ...                | ...                          | 175                | 11         | 3          | 14       | 129                        | 405 00                                   | 198 86                     |
| y    | St. Mary's    | J. C. White           | 6         | 1       | 7      | 1                  | 12                           | 124                | 1          | ...        | 12       | 110                        | 216 34                                   | 138 23                     |
|      | Grace         | W. W. Sever           | 4         | ...     | 4      | 20                 | 10                           | 101                | 5          | 6          | 4        | 67                         | 857 60                                   | 165 00                     |
| y    | St. John's    | J. S. C. Greene       | 10        | 2       | 12     | 10                 | 8                            | 66                 | 10         | ...        | ...      | 90                         | 10 00                                    | 63 96                      |
|      | St. John's    | R. Weeks              | ...       | ...     | ...    | ...                | ...                          | 73                 | 5          | 4          | 4        | 40                         | 85 86                                    | 190 00                     |
| y    | St. Paul's*   | H. H. Bean            | ...       | ...     | ...    | ...                | ...                          | 18                 | ...        | ...        | ...      | 25                         | ...                                      | ...                        |
|      | Vacant        | Vacant                | ...       | ...     | ...    | ...                | ...                          | 120                | 3          | 2          | 7        | ...                        | 50 77                                    | 31 40                      |
| y    | St. Stephen's | J. Stearns            | 8         | ...     | 8      | ...                | ...                          | 120                | ...        | ...        | ...      | ...                        | 23 92                                    | 118 31                     |
|      | Christ        | W. H. Brooks, D. D.   | 18        | 8       | 11     | 7                  | 11                           | 23                 | ...        | ...        | ...      | 86                         | 89 00                                    | 1623 35                    |
| y    | Christ        | H. Burroughs          | ...       | ...     | ...    | ...                | ...                          | 6                  | 60         | 2          | ...      | 5                          | ...                                      | ...                        |
|      | St. James's   | G. S. Converse        | 43        | 3       | 46     | 35                 | 24                           | 218                | 14         | 4          | 19       | 300                        | 656 88                                   | 3689 87                    |
| y    | St. John's    | W. R. Babcock         | 19        | 1       | 20     | 21                 | 26                           | 135                | 11         | 3          | 7        | 109                        | 1300 00                                  | 400 62                     |
|      | St. Peter's   | W. R. Pickman         | 11        | 9       | 20     | ...                | ...                          | 200                | 10         | 5          | 5        | 150                        | 585 70                                   | 478 28                     |
| y    | Grace         | G. D. Wildea          | 8         | 1       | 9      | 11                 | 4                            | 77                 | 8          | 2          | 9        | 95                         | 110 00                                   | 1085 00                    |
|      | St. Mark's    | A. C. Patterson       | ...       | 1       | 1      | ...                | ...                          | 12                 | ...        | 1          | 2        | ...                        | ...                                      | ...                        |
| y    | Christ        | G. H. McKnight        | 17        | 2       | 19     | 24                 | 7                            | 220                | 15         | 10         | 18       | 110                        | 833 85                                   | 9679 80                    |
|      | St. Paul's    | S. P. Parker, D. D.   | 7         | 1       | 8      | 5                  | 2                            | 70                 | 8          | 4          | 4        | 60                         | 290 00                                   | 128 00                     |
| y    | Christ        | N. W. Munroe          | ...       | 1       | 1      | ...                | ...                          | 7                  | ...        | 1          | 1        | 4                          | ...                                      | ...                        |
|      | St. Thomas's  | T. H. Vail, D. D.     | 20        | 4       | 24     | 19                 | 21                           | 237                | 11         | 11         | 81       | 306                        | 506 58                                   | 337 23                     |
| y    | Trinity       | J. A. Penniman        | ...       | ...     | ...    | ...                | ...                          | 36                 | 1          | 1          | 2        | 25                         | 18 46                                    | 11 75                      |
|      | Christ        | T. F. Faine           | 11        | ...     | 11     | 17                 | 3                            | 97                 | 5          | 3          | 13       | 60                         | 124 76                                   | 244 47                     |
| y    | St. John's    | G. S. Faine           | 2         | ...     | 2      | ...                | ...                          | 1                  | 48         | ...        | 2        | 50                         | ...                                      | 13 42                      |
|      | Messiah*      | Vacant                | ...       | ...     | ...    | ...                | ...                          | 13                 | ...        | ...        | ...      | 18                         | ...                                      | ...                        |
| y    | All Saints'   | W. R. Huntington      | 14        | 6       | 20     | 15                 | 2                            | 184                | 15         | ...        | 6        | 107                        | 238 95                                   | ...                        |
|      |               |                       | 944       | 106     | 1110   | 521                | 352                          | 8897               | 563        | 300        | 386      | 6756                       | 30942 60                                 | 45225 74                   |

\* No Report.

† Number last reported.

‡ From Bishop's Address.

DR. SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF WIDOWS AND ORPHANS

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The undersigned have examined the foregoing account, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

Boston, May, 20, 1863.

**N. HOPPIN,  
FRED. H. STIMPSON.**

in account with ALFRED L. BAURY, Treasurer.

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|          |                                                                                                                      | Charity<br>Fund. | Annuitiy<br>Fund. |
|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 1862.    | By balance from old account, - - - - -                                                                               | \$91 91          | \$101 01          |
| May 20   | " Cash, Offertory at Convention, - - - - -                                                                           | 81 91            |                   |
| " 22     | " " from St. Peter's, Salem, sub. of Rev. W. R. Pickman, - - - - -                                                   |                  | 25                |
| " "      | " " from St. Thomas', Taunton, sub. of Rev. Dr. Vall, - - - - -                                                      |                  | 10                |
| " 26     | " " from Rev. Dr. S. Fuller, sub. 1861 and 1862, - - - - -                                                           |                  | 20 60             |
| " "      | " " from Christ Church, Andover, sub. of Rev. B. Babbitt, - - - - -                                                  |                  | 10                |
| " "      | " " 6 months interest on City of Bath bond, - - - - -                                                                |                  | 80                |
| June 2   | " " from Emmanuel Church, Boston, \$55, \$30 for Charity Fund, \$25 sub. Rev. Dr. Huntington, - - - - -              | 30               | 25                |
| July 22  | " " dividend on 5 shares Great Falls Co., - - - - -                                                                  | 50               |                   |
| July 14  | " " 6 months int. on city of Boston, bond and premium, - - - - -                                                     |                  | 27 25             |
| " "      | " " 6 months int. on U. S. 6 per cent. bond and premium, - - - - -                                                   |                  | 33 90             |
| Aug. 19  | " " 6 months int. on U. S. 7.30 Bond and premium, - - - - -                                                          | 24 97            | 12 48             |
| Sept. 3  | " " from St. Paul's, Boston, sub. Rev. Dr. Nicholson, - - - - -                                                      |                  | 25                |
| Oct. 4   | " " from St. Mary's, Dorchester, \$18 for Charity fund and \$25 from sub. of Rev. W. H. Mills, - - - - -             | 18 00            | 25                |
| 1863.    | " " Dividends on Bank Stock, - - - - -                                                                               |                  | 161               |
| Jan. 5   | " " Dividend on Great Falls Stock, - - - - -                                                                         | 100              |                   |
| " "      | " " 6 months interest on Bath bond (less Gov't tax,) - - - - -                                                       |                  | 29 10             |
| " "      | " " 6 months int. on City of Boston bond, and premium, - - - - -                                                     |                  | 38 25             |
| " "      | " " 6 months int. on U. S. 6 per cent. bond and premium, - - - - -                                                   |                  | 40 20             |
| " "      | " " annual sub. of Rev. E. A. Renouf, - - - - -                                                                      | 2                |                   |
| " "      | " " annual sub. of Rev. J. H. Clinch, - - - - -                                                                      |                  | 10                |
| " "      | " " Emmanuel Church, Boston, \$45 for Charity Fund, and \$25 for sub. Rev. Dr. Huntington, - - - - -                 | 45               | 25                |
| Feb.     | " " 6 months int. on \$900 U. S. 7.30 and premium, - - - - -                                                         | 35 48            | 17 78             |
| March 9  | " " annual subscription of Rev. R. J. Parvin, - - - - -                                                              |                  | 10                |
| [April 7 | " " Grace Church, Lawrence, sub. Rev. Dr. Packard, - - - - -                                                         |                  | 25                |
| " "      | " " St. Matthew's, South Boston, Rev. J. I. T. Coolidge, - - - - -                                                   | 18 18            |                   |
| " "      | " " St. Peter's, Salem, sub. Rev. W. R. Pickman, - - - - -                                                           |                  | 25                |
| 8        | " " Church of the Advent, Boston, \$77.05, vis: on 42.06 Charity, \$25 Dr. Bolles, \$10 Rev. Mr. Stickney, - - - - - | 42 05            | 35 00             |
| " "      | " " St. Andrew's, Hanover, sub. Rev. S. Cutler, - - - - -                                                            |                  | 20                |
| " "      | " " 6 months int. on 700 U. S. 7.30 loan and premium, - - - - -                                                      |                  | 88 80             |
| " "      | " " dividends on Bank Stock, - - - - -                                                                               |                  | 213 00            |
| 18       | " " St. Anne's, Lowell, sub. Rev. Dr. Edson, - - - - -                                                               |                  | 25 00             |
| 20       | " " Christ Church, Waltham, sub. Rev. F. F. Fales, - - - - -                                                         |                  | 25 00             |
| " "      | " " Grace Church, Newton Corner, - - - - -                                                                           | 16 55            |                   |
| 21       | " " donation from J. S. Copley Greene, - - - - -                                                                     | 50               |                   |
| 22       | " " Church of the Messiah, Roston, sub. Rev. Dr. Randall, - - - - -                                                  |                  | 25 00             |
| May 5    | " " 6 months interest on City of Bath bond, - - - - -                                                                |                  | 29 10             |
| 18       | " " annual sub. Frederick H. Stimpson, 2 years, - - - - -                                                            | 2                |                   |
|          |                                                                                                                      | \$598 05         | \$1,181 92        |

Boston, May 19, 1863.

(Errors excepted.)

ALFRED L. BAURY, Treasurer.



## DR. CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF MASSACHUSETTS

|           |                                                  |                                                                |                      |
|-----------|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1862.     |                                                  |                                                                |                      |
| June 9.   | For cash paid                                    | Rev. J. H. Rouse, for travel,.....                             | \$5 00               |
| " 28      | "                                                | James B. Dow, for publishing 1000 cop-<br>ies of Journal,..... | 240 00               |
| Sept. 23. | "                                                | Rev. Dr. Randall, travel to General Con-<br>vention, .....     | 10 00                |
| Oct. 9.   | "                                                | Rev. Dr. Parker, travel to General Con-<br>vention, .....      | 10 00                |
|           | "                                                | James B. Dow, delivering Journal, ....                         | 14 33                |
| 1863.     | "                                                | Herman Cope, S'ry of Gen. Convention, ..                       | 156 00               |
| May 19.   | For Balance on hand, carried to new account,.... |                                                                | 117 96               |
|           |                                                  |                                                                | <hr/> \$553 29 <hr/> |

The undersigned, as auditors, have examined the foregoing account and find the same to be correctly cast and properly vouched.

F. COGGSWELL.  
FRED. H. STIMPSON.

## IN ARREARS.

|                                        |                                         |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Christ Church, Boston,                 | Grace Church, Lawrence.                 |
| St. John's Church, Boston.             | Trinity Church, Lenox.                  |
| St. Peter's Church, Cambridgeport.     | St. John's Church, Millville.           |
| Grace Church, Chicopee, 2 years.       | St. John's Church, N. Adams, 2 yrs.     |
| St. James's Church, Greenfield, 4 yrs. | St. Stephen's Ch'ch, Pittsfield, 4 yrs. |
| Trinity Church, Haverhill, 2 years.    | St. Paul's Church, Stockbridge.         |

The Treasurer supposes that the Parishes in arrears could pay an aggregate sum of \$150. Some who have pleaded inability are not reported. Receipts till August will be acknowledged in the "Witness."

*in account with S. B. BABCOCK, Treasurer.*

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|         |                                                      |          |                 |
|---------|------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------------|
| 1862.   |                                                      |          |                 |
| May 22. | By Balance on hand as per last published account,... | \$516 29 |                 |
| June 9. | " Cash from Christ Church, Clappville,.....          | 5 00     |                 |
| July 3. | " " St. Michael's, Marblehead,.....                  | 22 00    |                 |
| 1863.   |                                                      |          |                 |
| Apr. 10 | " " St. Paul's, Stockbridge,.....                    | 6 00     |                 |
| May 11. | " " Christ Church, Clappville,.....                  | 4 00     |                 |
|         |                                                      |          | <u>\$553 29</u> |

Boston, May 19, 1863.

Since the above date, the Treasurer has received the following :

|         |                               |        |
|---------|-------------------------------|--------|
| 1863.   | Andover, Christ Church,       | \$2 00 |
| May 22. | Ashfield, St. John's          | 2 00   |
|         | Advent, Boston,               | 25 00  |
|         | Emmanuel, Boston,             | 40 00  |
|         | Grace, Boston,                | 10 00  |
|         | Messiah, Boston,              | 18 00  |
|         | St. Mark's, Boston,           | 15 00  |
|         | St. Matthew's, Boston,        | 15 00  |
|         | St. Paul's, Boston,           | 50 00  |
|         | Trinity, Boston,              | 30 00  |
|         | Brookline, St. Paul's,        | 20 00  |
|         | Cambridge, Christ,            | 12 00  |
|         | Charlestown, St. John's,      | 15 00  |
|         | Bedham, St. Paul's,           | 12 00  |
|         | Dorchester, St. Mary's,       | 15 00  |
|         | " Christ,                     | 8 00   |
|         | Fall River, Ascension,        | 5 00   |
|         | Great Barrington, St. James's | 18 00  |
|         | Hanover, St. Andrew's,        | 8 00   |
|         | Jamaica Plain, St. John's,    | 20 00  |
|         | Lawesboro', St. Luke's,       | 6 00   |
|         | Lowell, St. Anne's,           | 14 00  |
|         | " St. John's,                 | 10 00  |
|         | Lynn, St. Stephen's,          | 5 00   |
|         | Marblehead, St. Michael's,    | 8 00   |
|         | Medford, Grace,               | 9 00   |
|         | New Bedford, Grace,           | 27 00  |
|         | Newburyport, St. Paul's       | 10 00  |
|         | Newton, Grace,                | 7 50   |
|         | " St. Mary's,                 | 8 00   |
|         | Northampton, St. John's,      | 12 00  |
|         | Quincy, Christ,               | 6 00   |
|         | Roxbury, St. James's,         | 18 00  |
|         | Salem, Grace,                 | 15 00  |
|         | " St. Peter's,                | 15 00  |
|         | Springfield, Christ,          | 25 00  |
|         | Swansea, Christ,              | 8 00   |
|         | Taunton, St. Thomas's,        | 10 00  |
|         | Van Deusenville, Trinity,     | 3 00   |
|         | Waltham, Christ,              | 7 00   |
|         | Wilkinsonville, St. John's,   | 5 00   |
|         | Worcester, All Saints,        | 18 00  |
|         | Southboro', St. Mark's,       | 6 00   |
|         | Frammingham, St. John's,      | 7 00   |
|         | Plymouth, Christ,             | 1 25   |

S. B. BABCOCK, Treasurer.

# MISSIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED BY THE TREASUR

| From whom received.             | Diocesan. | Domestic. | Foreign. | Special. | To   |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|------|
| Balance from last year, - -     | 48 02     | ..        | ..       | ..       | 4    |
| Ashfield — St. John's, - -      | 11 61     | 2 00      | 5 00     | ..       | 1    |
| Andover — Christ Church, -      | 87 50     | 75 00     | 75 00    | ..       | 23   |
| Amesbury — St. James's, -       | 3 00      | 10 00     | ..       | ..       | 1    |
| Boston — Advent, - - -          | 20 00     | ..        | ..       | ..       | 2    |
| — Christ, - - -                 | ..        | ..        | ..       | ..       | ..   |
| — Emmanuel, - - -               | 242 86    | ..        | ..       | 102 00   | 34   |
| — Grace, - - -                  | 44 96     | ..        | ..       | 30 00    | 7    |
| — St. Paul's, - - -             | 652 80    | 100 00    | 1403 89  | 6242 00  | 839  |
| — St. Mark's, - - -             | ..        | ..        | ..       | ..       | ..   |
| — Messiah, - - -                | 100 00    | 42 00     | 40 00    | ..       | 18   |
| — Trinity, - - -                | 200 00    | ..        | ..       | ..       | 20   |
| E. " — St. John's, - - -        | ..        | ..        | ..       | ..       | ..   |
| S. " — St. Matthew's, - - -     | 20 00     | ..        | ..       | ..       | 2    |
| Bridgewater — Trinity, - -      | ..        | ..        | ..       | ..       | ..   |
| Brookline — St. Paul's, - -     | ..        | ..        | ..       | ..       | ..   |
| Chicopee — Grace, - - -         | 1 25      | ..        | ..       | ..       | ..   |
| Cambridge — Christ, - - -       | 172 00    | 60 00     | 50 00    | 158 41   | 44   |
| Cambridgeport — St. Peter's, -  | ..        | ..        | ..       | ..       | ..   |
| Charlestown — St. John's, -     | 33 00     | 50 00     | ..       | ..       | 8    |
| Chelsea — St. Luke's, - - -     | ..        | ..        | ..       | ..       | ..   |
| — St. Andrew's, - - -           | ..        | ..        | ..       | ..       | ..   |
| Clappville — Christ, - - -      | 7 75      | ..        | ..       | ..       | ..   |
| Dedham — St. Paul's, - - -      | 168 65    | ..        | ..       | ..       | 16   |
| Danvers — Calvary, - - -        | ..        | ..        | ..       | ..       | ..   |
| Dorchester — St. Mary's, - -    | 100 00    | ..        | ..       | ..       | 10   |
| Fall River — Ascension, - -     | ..        | ..        | 1 58     | ..       | ..   |
| Framingham — St. John's, -      | ..        | ..        | ..       | ..       | ..   |
| G't Barrington — St. James's, - | 10 71     | ..        | ..       | ..       | 1    |
| Greenfield — St. James's, - -   | ..        | ..        | ..       | ..       | ..   |
| Haverhill — Trinity, - - -      | ..        | ..        | ..       | ..       | ..   |
| Hanover — St. Andrew's, - -     | 25 00     | ..        | ..       | ..       | 2    |
| Hopkinton — St. Paul's, - -     | ..        | 7 00      | ..       | ..       | ..   |
| Hyde Park — Christ, - - -       | 15 00     | ..        | ..       | ..       | 1    |
| Jamaica Plain — St. John's, -   | 150 00    | ..        | 100 00   | ..       | 25   |
| Lanesboro' — St. Luke's, - -    | 10 00     | 8 00      | ..       | ..       | 1    |
| Lawrence — Grace, - - -         | 56 00     | ..        | ..       | ..       | 5    |
| Lenox Trinity, - - -            | 20 00     | ..        | 5 00     | ..       | 3    |
| Lowell — St. Anne's, - - -      | 279 60    | ..        | ..       | ..       | 27   |
| — St. John's, - - -             | 13 00     | ..        | ..       | ..       | 1    |
| Lee, — St. George's, - - -      | ..        | ..        | ..       | ..       | ..   |
| Lynn — St. Stephen's, - - -     | 7 50      | ..        | ..       | ..       | ..   |
| Marblehead — St. Michael's, -   | 38 04     | ..        | ..       | ..       | 3    |
| Medford — Grace, - - -          | 30 00     | ..        | ..       | ..       | 3    |
| Millville — St. John's, - - -   | ..        | ..        | ..       | ..       | ..   |
| Milrose Trinity, - - -          | ..        | ..        | ..       | ..       | ..   |
| Newton Corner Grace, - - -      | 52 50     | ..        | ..       | ..       | 5    |
| Newburyport — St. Paul's, - -   | 50 00     | ..        | ..       | ..       | 5    |
| New Bedford — Grace, - - -      | 20 00     | ..        | ..       | ..       | 2    |
| Newton L. Falls — St. Mary's, - | 50 00     | ..        | ..       | ..       | 5    |
| Northampton — St. John's, -     | 8 00      | ..        | ..       | ..       | ..   |
| North Adams — St. John's, -     | 5 00      | ..        | ..       | ..       | ..   |
| Pawtucket Trinity, - - -        | ..        | ..        | ..       | ..       | ..   |
| Plymouth — Christ, - - -        | ..        | ..        | ..       | ..       | ..   |
| Pittsfield — St. Stephen's, -   | 12 00     | ..        | ..       | ..       | 1    |
| Quincy — Christ, - - -          | 10 00     | ..        | ..       | ..       | 1    |
| Roxbury — St. James's, - -      | 155 24    | ..        | ..       | ..       | 18   |
| Salcm — St. Peter's, - - -      | 106 25    | ..        | ..       | ..       | 10   |
| — Grace, - - -                  | ..        | ..        | ..       | ..       | ..   |
| Somerville — Emmanuel, - -      | ..        | 5 00      | ..       | 5 00     | 1    |
| Springfield — Christ, - - -     | ..        | ..        | ..       | ..       | ..   |
| Stockbridge — St. Paul's, - -   | 30 00     | ..        | ..       | ..       | 3    |
| Suanses — Christ, - - -         | ..        | ..        | ..       | ..       | ..   |
| Taunton — St. Thomas's, - -     | 125 00    | ..        | ..       | ..       | 12   |
| Van Deusenville — Trinity, -    | ..        | ..        | ..       | ..       | ..   |
| Waltham — Christ, - - -         | 75 00     | ..        | 20 00    | ..       | 9    |
| Wilkinsonville — St. John's, -  | ..        | ..        | ..       | ..       | ..   |
| Worcester — All Saints, - -     | 18 55     | ..        | ..       | ..       | 1    |
| Individual, - - -               | 262 28    | 1 00      | 11 00    | 120 00   | 39   |
|                                 | \$3578 07 | 860 00    | 1721 47  | 6658 00  | 1281 |

**Dr.**

MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF MISSIONS, *in account with* JAMES B. DOW, *Treasurer.*

**C.R.**

|     |       |                                                                          |           |  |
|-----|-------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|--|
|     | 1863. | To Cash paid to the Rectors and Missionaries of the following Churches:— |           |  |
| May | 23    | Messiah, Wood's Hole,.....                                               | \$42 00   |  |
| May | 1963. | St. John's, Ashfeld,.....                                                | 100 00    |  |
|     | May   | Trinity, Van Dusenville,.....                                            | 37 50     |  |
|     |       | St. Paul's, Stockbridge,.....                                            | 150 00    |  |
|     |       | St. John's, North Adams,.....                                            | 200 00    |  |
|     |       | St. John's, Lowell,.....                                                 | 150 00    |  |
|     |       | St. John's, East Boston,.....                                            | 150 00    |  |
|     |       | Christ, Swansea,.....                                                    | 100 00    |  |
|     |       | Christ, Clappville,.....                                                 | 75 00     |  |
|     |       | St. Stephen's, Lynn,.....                                                | 100 00    |  |
|     |       | Grace, Chicopee,.....                                                    | 125 00    |  |
|     |       | St. John's Wilkesonville,.....                                           | 150 00    |  |
|     |       | Christ, Plymouth,.....                                                   | 178 76    |  |
|     |       | St Andrew's, Chelsea, (sp. app.).....                                    | 60 86     |  |
|     |       | Emmanuel, Somerville, (sp. app.).....                                    | 50 00     |  |
|     |       | " Brighton, (sp. app.), .....                                            | 25 00     |  |
|     |       | Treasurer Eastern District Association,                                  | \$1694 12 |  |
|     |       | " Southern " "                                                           | 1025 88   |  |
|     |       | Lost in passing through the mail,.....                                   | 15 00     |  |
|     |       | Incidental Expenses,.....                                                | 20 16     |  |
|     |       | Balance carried to new account.....                                      | 58 78     |  |
|     |       |                                                                          | 93 94     |  |
|     |       |                                                                          | \$3578 07 |  |

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|-----|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|--|
|     | 1863. | By Balance, last year, brought forward ...                        | \$48 02   |  |
| May | 23    | By Cash received, subject to the appropriation of the Board ..... | 1604 18   |  |
| May | 1963. | By Cash appropriated by donors,.....                              | 135 86    |  |
|     |       | By Cash received, for Eastern District Association.....           | 1025 88   |  |
|     |       | By Cash received, for Southern District Association.....          | 764 13    |  |
|     |       | Balance carried to new account.....                               | 58 78     |  |
|     |       |                                                                   | \$3578 07 |  |

*Appendix.*

| DR. BOARD OF MISSIONS TO SEAMEN in account with GEORGE A. BROWN, Treasurer. |                                                                      | CR.              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| 1863.<br>May 13. To Amounts paid, (as per book,).....                       | 1862.<br>May 1. By Balance, .....                                    | \$203 11         |
| " Balance.....                                                              | 1863.<br>May 13. " Amounts recd. as per book, to May 13, 1863, ..... | 1723 14          |
|                                                                             |                                                                      | <u>\$1925 25</u> |
|                                                                             | 1863.<br>May 13. By Balance .....                                    | 125 16           |
|                                                                             |                                                                      | <u>\$1925 25</u> |
|                                                                             |                                                                      | <u>\$1925 25</u> |

BOSTON, May 13, 1863.

(E. E.)

GEORGE A. BROWN,  
Treasurer Board of Missions to Seamen.

**Constitution**  
OF THE  
**PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
IN THE  
**DIOCESE OF MASSACHUSETTS,**  
AS AMENDED  
IN CONVENTION, JUNE, 1841, 1846, MAY, 1852, JANUARY, 1856  
AND MAY, 1859.

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**ARTICLE I.**

**THIS** Church, as a constituent part of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, accedes to the General Constitution of that Church, and acknowledges its authority.

**ARTICLE II.**

There shall be a stated Convention of the Church in this Diocese, at Boston, on the second Wednesday in June, in every year, unless a different time and place be fixed on by a preceding Convention. Special meetings of the Convention shall be called by the Bishop, when, in his judgment, the good of the Church may require it, or when the Standing Committee shall request it. And when the Episcopal Chair is vacant, the Standing Committee shall have power to call such Convention. Provided, always, that no business shall be done at any special Convention, other than is specified in the notice calling such Convention.

**ARTICLE III.**

The Convention shall be composed of Clergymen and Laymen.

The Bishop and the assistant Bishop, when there is one, shall have a seat and a vote in the Convention. Every other clergyman of the Church of whatever order, being a settled minister

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or regularly officiating in some parish within this Diocese; or being a President, Professor, Tutor or Instructor in some College or Seminary of learning, and performing clerical functions; or being a Missionary under the direction of the ecclesiastical authority of this Diocese, or a Chaplain in the army or navy of the United States, or in any benevolent or other public institution, shall be entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention, if he have been actually as well as canonically resident within this Diocese, for the space of six calendar months next before the meeting of the Convention, and has, for the same period, been employed in performing the duties of his station, or have been canonically instituted. Provided, however, that no clergyman otherwise entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention, shall, by reason of advanced years, or infirm health, or temporary absence, be divested of such privilege.

Every parish in this Diocese, in union with this Convention, shall be entitled to send to the Convention a lay delegate, or delegates, not exceeding three, a certificate of whose appointment, signed by the Wardens or Parish Clerk, shall, before his or their admission to a seat, be laid before the Convention. Provided, that no person shall be competent to serve as a lay delegate unless he be a stated worshipper in the parish which he represents. The delegation from each parish shall be entitled on a division, by orders, to but one vote.

#### ARTICLE IV.

New parishes may be admitted into union with this Convention, on motion, by a majority of votes, provided they shall have laid before the Convention written evidence, subscribed by the Wardens and Vestry, that they have been duly organized for the space of one year, and during that time have held regular public services, and accede to the Constitution and Canons of this Church.

#### ARTICLE V.

The Bishop of this Diocese shall preside in the Convention. But in case of vacancy, or necessary absence, the members shall elect a president from among the clergy.

## ARTICLE VI.

A Secretary shall be chosen upon the assembling of the Annual Convention, from among the members thereof, who shall remain in office until the meeting of the next Convention.

## ARTICLE VII.

The members of the Convention, present on due notification, and duly organized, shall constitute a quorum to transact the ordinary business of the Convention. The clergy and lay delegates shall deliberate as one body, and vote as such, except when a division is called for by three clerical members, or by the lay delegations from three parishes represented in the Convention; in which case a concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to carry any measure. All elections shall be by ballot, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

## ARTICLE VIII.

There shall be a Standing Committee, to consist of six members; three clergymen and three laymen. They shall keep regular minutes of their proceedings, and shall report the same annually to the Convention. A majority shall be a quorum.

## ARTICLE IX.

This Constitution shall not be subject to alteration in any article, except at the annual meeting of the Convention; nor unless such alteration shall have been proposed and accepted by the Convention for consideration at one annual meeting previous to its adoption.



**Canon of 1828,****AMENDED IN THE CONVENTION OF 1849.***Respecting Contingent Expenses.*

It shall be the duty of every parish in this State, after the first day of January, 1829, to raise and send to the Treasurer of the Convention, to defray the contingent expenses of the Church in this Diocese, a sum of money annually, which shall be as much as *one per centum* on the salary of its minister; and those parishes which are destitute of a clergyman, and which are represented by lay delegates in the Convention, shall pay at least five dollars annually, or send a certified copy of a vote that they are unable to pay the same; and it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to certify in his annual report what parishes have neglected to comply with the requisitions of this Canon. The money thus raised and paid into the treasury of the Convention, shall be subject to appropriation by a majority of the votes of the Standing Committee, or of such committee as shall be appointed by the Convention; and the following appropriations shall always be deemed proper, namely: to pay the travelling expenses of the Bishop of this Convention; to pay the travelling expenses of such clerical members of the Convention as cannot afford to pay the same, not exceeding ten dollars to any clergyman in one year; to pay the travelling expenses of the clerical delegates to the General Triennial Convention, not exceeding twenty-five dollars to each clerical delegate; to pay to the delegates of the Church in this Diocese to the General Convention, such sums as shall enable them to pay the quota assessed on the several Churches in this Diocese by each General Convention, for the contingent expenses thereof; and to pay for publishing the Journals of this Convention, and such other publications as shall be published by order of this Convention; and every parish shall be entitled to five copies, at least, of every publication printed by order of the Convention.

But no clergyman shall be entitled to any appropriation from the Contingent Fund, unless the parish of which he is the minister shall have paid its annual quota of *one per centum*, or send a certified copy of a vote that it is unable to pay the same. Neither shall any parish, thus neglecting to comply with the requisitions of the Canon, receive more than five copies of the Journal.

### Canon of 1844.

#### *Respecting the increase of the Episcopal Fund.*

In every parish in this Diocese, a collection shall be annually made on Trinity Sunday, and paid over to the Treasurer of the Trustees of Donations of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese, to be added to the permanent fund for the support of the Bishop of this Diocese; and the said Treasurer shall report annually to this Convention, the amount by him received from each parish.

### Canons of 1846,

AMENDED IN THE CONVENTION OF 1852.

#### I.

*Of proceedings in the case of a Minister, not being a Bishop, accused by public rumor or otherwise of offences for which he may be tried.*

**SECT. 1.** The mode of presentment and trial of a Minister, for any offence for which, by the laws of the General Convention or of this Diocese, he is or may be liable to be tried, shall be as follows :

Information of his offence shall first be given in writing to the Standing Committee, which information, any member of this

Church is hereby declared competent to give. The Standing Committee shall thereupon proceed to a preliminary consideration of the case; and in their discretion, if they see fit, may make a formal presentment of the offence to the Bishop.

Such presentment shall be made in writing, addressed to the Bishop, stating the charges made against the accused, with specifications as to time, place, and circumstances; and any of the specifications in said presentment may be amended from time to time by the Judge Advocate, as the Court may order; and in case there shall be no Bishop, or in case the Bishop shall be implicated in the offence, or shall be related to the accused by consanguinity or affinity, the Standing Committee shall then request the Bishop of some other Diocese to receive the presentment, who, upon the application of the Standing Committee, may proceed in the case, and exercise the same powers as belong, or are granted, to the Bishop of the Diocese.

SECT. 2. Any Minister of this Diocese, not being a Bishop, accused by public rumor or otherwise, of any offence or offences for which he may be tried as aforesaid, may, for himself, request the Standing Committee to institute such examination and inquiry respecting the truth of the charges against him; and, in such case, it shall be the duty of the Standing Committee to institute such examination and inquiry, and to proceed in like manner, as is provided in section first of the Canon.

## II.

### *Of the trial of a Clergyman, not being a Bishop.*

SECT. 1. Upon such presentment being made by the Standing Committee, as is provided in the foregoing Canon, the Bishop shall, as soon as may be, cause a copy of such presentment to be served on the accused, and shall also nominate nine Presbyters of the Diocese, entitled to seats in the Convention, and not being parties to the presentment, nor witnesses in the case, and shall cause a list of their names to be served on the accused, who shall

within thirty days after such service, select five of them, and notify their names in writing to the Bishop ; and if he shall not give such notification to the Bishop within said thirty days, the Bishop shall then select five, and the Presbyters so selected shall form an Ecclesiastical Court for the trial of the accused.

**SECT. 2.** The Court, thus constituted, shall meet at such time and place within the Diocese, as the Bishop shall direct, and shall have power to adjourn from time to time, and from place to place, within the Diocese, as they shall deem necessary ; and the Bishop shall cause a written notice of the time and place of the first meeting of the said Court to be served at least thirty days before the time of meeting, on the accused, and also on the Secretary of the Standing Committee.

**SECT. 3.** If, at the time appointed for the first meeting of the said Court, the whole number of five shall not attend, those who do attend, may adjourn from time to time ; or being not less than three in number, they shall have the right to proceed, in case they shall see fit, to a hearing and trial of the case ; and their decision, if unanimous, shall be as binding as if the whole Court had been present ; but in case their decision shall not be unanimous, the Bishop shall, at the request of the accused, or of the Standing Committee, order a new trial.

**SECT. 4.** If a clergyman presented shall confess the truth of the facts alleged in the presentment, the Court shall, in writing, certify the same to the Bishop, and state their opinion as to the sentence that ought to be pronounced ; and it shall be the duty of the Bishop to proceed to pass sentence, in the manner hereinafter provided. And if a clergyman presented as aforesaid, after having had due notice, shall fail or neglect to appear before the Court of Presbyters appointed for his trial, unless prevented by sickness or other sufficient cause, he shall be suspended from the exercise of his clerical functions for the term of six months ; and if during that period, he shall not apply for a trial, he shall then be degraded from the ministry.

**SECT. 5.** When the Court proceed to the trial, they shall hear such competent evidence as shall be produced, which evidence shall be reduced to writing, and signed by the witnesses respec-

### *Appendix.*

Any and every officer authorized by law to administer oaths, at the request of either party, be requested to administer an oath of affirmation to the witnesses. If, on or during the trial, the witnesses confess the truth of the charges as stated in the presentment, the Court may dispense with hearing further evidence, and may proceed at once to state their opinion to the accused as to the sentence that ought to be pronounced.

Section 6. Upon the application of either party to the Bishop, if being made satisfactorily to appear to him, that any material witnesses cannot be procured upon the trial, the Bishop may appoint a Commissary to take the testimony of such witnesses. Such Commissary may be either a clergyman or a layman, and the party so applying, shall give to the other at least *six days'* notice of the time and place of taking the testimony. And if the person on whom the notice shall be served, shall reside more than forty miles from the place of examination, an additional *day's* notice shall be given for every additional twenty miles of the said distance. And both parties may attend and examine the witness, and all questions and answers shall be reduced to writing and signed by the witness, and shall be certified by the Commissary, and enclosed under his seal, and transmitted to the Court, and shall be received by them as evidence. A witness examined by such Commissary may be sworn or affirmed in manner aforesaid.

Section 7. The Court, having deliberately considered the evidence, shall declare in a writing signed by them, or a majority of them, their decision on the charges contained in the presentment, clearly stating whether the accused is guilty or not guilty of each charge respectively, and also stating the sentence which, in their opinion, should be pronounced; and a copy of such decision shall be, without delay, communicated to the accused; and the original decision, together with the evidence, shall be delivered to the Bishop, who shall pronounce such canonical sentence as shall appear to him to be proper, provided the same shall not exceed in severity the sentence recommended by the Court, and such sentence shall be final. Before pronouncing any sentence, the Bishop shall summon the accused, and any three or

more Presbyters of the Diocese, to meet him at such time as may in his opinion be most convenient, in some church to be designated by him, which shall for that purpose be open at the time to all persons who may choose to attend; and the sentence shall then and there be publicly pronounced by the Bishop. But the Bishop, if he shall be satisfied that justice requires it, may grant a new trial to the accused, in which case a new Court of Presbyters shall be appointed, the proceedings before whom shall be conducted as before mentioned.

**SECT. 8.** All citations and notices contemplated in this Canon shall be signed by the Bishop, and may be served by a summoner or summoners, to be appointed for the purpose by the Bishop, and whose certificate of such service shall be evidence thereof. In case of service by any other person, the fact shall be proved by the affidavit of such person. A written citation or notice delivered to a party, or left at his last place of residence, shall be deemed a sufficient service of such citation or notice.

**SECT. 9.** Advocates or Proctors shall be allowed on both sides, at the pleasure of the parties, provided they are clergymen canonically resident in the Diocese, or laymen who have been communicants of some parish of the same, at least two years before the time of trial.

### **Canon of 1846.**

#### *Of Communicants.*

Whenever the Bishop shall institute an inquiry on the subject of repelling a person from the Holy Communion, according to the rubrics and the canons of the General Convention, he shall summon a council of two presbyters and two laymen, of which he shall be president, to decide upon the case.

**Canon of 1847,****AS AMENDED IN THE CONVENTION OF 1848 AND 1860.***Of Elections.*

The deputies to the General Convention from this Diocese shall be chosen at the meeting of this Convention holden in each year of the stated meeting of the General Convention; who shall continue in office until the meeting of this Convention, next preceding the stated meeting of the General Convention, on the third year next after their election, and until others shall be chosen in their place.

Substitutes for deputies shall be chosen at the same time, and in the same manner as the deputies are. And in the event of the resignation or inability of any deputy, clerical or lay, such vacancy shall be filled from the substitutes respectively, in the order in which they were chosen.

**Canon of 1858.***Of the Appointment of a Diocesan Registrar.*

SECT. 1. A Registrar shall be elected by this Convention, whose duty it shall be to procure such papers, files, reports, journals, records and other documents, relative to the history of the Church in this Diocese, as are now, or may hereafter become, the property of this Convention, and preserve the same in some safe and accessible place of deposit; and to hold the same under such regulations and restrictions, as this Convention may from time to time provide.

SECT. 2. Said Registrar shall hold his office for one year, or until another be appointed in his place.

**Canon of 1859,**

AMENDED IN THE CONVENTION OF 1860.

*Of the Missionary Organization of the Diocese.*

SECTION 1. Each of the four District Associations of this Diocese shall, at its first meeting after Easter, elect three clerical delegates, who shall represent it in the Board of Missions.

SECT. 2. Every Parish in this Diocese, having, within the year preceding, contributed at least fifty dollars to the funds of the Board, shall be entitled to one lay representative in the same.

SECT. 3. The term of service of the Delegates shall commence at the close of the Annual Convention.

SECT. 4. Parochial and lay delegates shall be chosen annually at parish meetings, or by the Wardens and Vestry, and shall continue in office until others are chosen in their places, or until the Parish has forfeited the right of representation in the Board, by a non-compliance with the conditions of this Canon.

SECT. 5. The persons so chosen, with the Bishop of the Diocese, who shall be *ex officio*, a member, and, when present, the presiding officer, shall constitute the Board of Missions, which shall have full charge and control of all monies contributed to its funds, except in so far as they may be limited by donors of funds for special purposes. The members present at any stated or duly notified meeting shall be a quorum.

SECT. 6. Stated meetings of the Board shall be held at least once in two months.

SECT. 7. One or more missionaries at large shall be appointed by the Board, whose duty it shall be to visit, explore and officiate under its direction.



## EXTRACT FROM THE

**Canon of the General Convention of 1853.**

*Of the mode of securing an accurate view of the state of the Church, from time to time.*

SECTION 1. As a full and accurate view of the state of the Church, from time to time, is highly useful and necessary, it is hereby ordered that every Minister of this Church, or, if the Parish be vacant, the Wardens, shall present, or cause to be delivered, on or before the first day of every annual Convention, to the Bishop of the Diocese, or, where there is no Bishop, to the President of the Convention, a statement of the number of baptisms, confirmations, marriages, and funerals, and of the number of communicants in his Parish or Church, also, the state and condition of the Sunday Schools in his Parish, also of the amount of the communion alms, the contributions for Missions, diocesan, domestic, and foreign, for parochial schools, for Church purposes in general, and of all other matters that may throw light on the state of the same. And every other Clergyman not regularly settled in any Parish or Church, shall also report the occasional services he may have performed; and, if he have performed no such services, the causes or reasons which have prevented the same. And these reports, or such parts of them as the Bishop shall think fit, may be read in the Convention, and shall be entered on the journals thereof.

**A STANDING ORDER OF BUSINESS, AND RULES OF ORDER, OF  
THE CONVENTION OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN  
THE DIOCESE OF MASSACHUSETTS.**

**STANDING ORDER OF BUSINESS.**

*For the First Day of the Session.*

**A. M.**

After Morning Prayer, Sermon, or Charge, and the administration of the Holy Communion, the President will take the chair, when the order of procedure shall be as follows :

**I. 1.** The Secretary shall call over the names of the Clergy entitled to seats and votes, and of those entitled only to seats, from a list presented by the Bishop, and shall receive the certificates of Lay Delegates, as the names of the Parishes are called.

**2.** The President will appoint a Committee on Qualifications, to receive, examine, and report upon the list of the Clergy and the credentials of the Lay Delegates ; after which a recess may be taken.

**P. M.**

**II. 1.** The Committee on Qualifications shall report.

**2.** The Secretary shall call the names of the Clergy and of the Lay Delegates, as the same shall have been approved by the Convention.

**3.** A constitutional quorum of both Orders being present, the President shall declare the Convention organized for business.

**4.** The election of a Secretary, (who shall have power to appoint an Assistant,) and of a Treasurer.

**5.** The reading of the Rules of Order of the last Convention.

**6.** The appointment by the President of five Standing Committees, viz. : a Committee on the admission of new Parishes ; a Committee on the Constitution and Canons,—to consist each of five members, three Clergymen and two Laymen ; an Executive Committee, for nominating the Preachers of Sermons before this body, and for recommending the time and place of holding the

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... three members, one Cler-

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... standing Committee.

... Board of Missions.

... Board of Missions to Seamen.

... Committee on the Increase of the Epis- co-

... Trustees of Donations.

... the Margaret Coffin Prayer Book Society.

... the Society for the Relief of Widows and

... Clergymen.

... the Society for the Relief of Aged and Indi-

... the Finance Committee.

... the Committee on Unfinished Business.

... the Executive Committee.

... Reports to be presented to the Bishop.

... be not ready in the order prescribed above,

... be allowed, and it shall be presented and be in

... vacancy in the regular business, after it shall

V. Miscellaneous Business, such as proposed changes in the Constitution and Canons, matters to be referred to Special or other Committees, Resolutions, &c.

*For the Second Day of the Session.*

After Devotional Exercises, at 9 A. M.,

- I. 1. Reading and approval of the minutes of the previous day.
2. Report from the Committee on Qualifications, of members not present nor reported on the preceding day; the names of each Clergymen and the Credentials of such Lay Delegates having been previously handed to the Secretary, and by him referred said Committee.
3. The calling of the Roll of members.
- II. The finishing of the business, if any, which was under consideration at the time of the adjournment of the Convention.
- III. The disposal of the unfinished business in the order above prescribed for the first day.
- IV. Miscellaneous Business.
- V. Elections at 11 o'clock, A. M., in the following order :
  1. Election of Deputies to the General Convention.
  2. Election of Registrar.
  3. Election of Standing Committee.
  4. Election of Trustees (nominated) of the General Theological Seminary.
  5. Election of Board of Missions to Seamen.
  6. Election of Committee on the Increase of the Episcopal Fund.
  7. Election of Committee on entertaining the Clerical members of the Convention.
- VI. 1. Report of the Committee on the Constitution and Canons, and action thereon.
2. Reports of Special or other Committees on matters referred to them during the Session, and action thereon.
- VII. Miscellaneous Business.

VIII. The reading and approval of the minutes.

IX. Singing, Prayers, Benediction by the Bishop, or, in his absence, by the Senior Presbyter present. Adjournment *sine die*.

*For the Third or other Subsequent Day of the Session.*

I. Devotional Exercises, Reading, &c, of the Minutes, Reception of new Members, Calling of the Roll, and finishing of Business under consideration at last adjournment, as on the Second Day.

II. The disposal of the Unfinished Business of the Convention, in the order above prescribed.

## II. RULES OF ORDER.

RULE I. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, except to address the Chair.

No member shall absent himself from the house, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

When any member is about to speak, or deliver any matter to the house, he shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the house; nor more than once, until others desiring to speak shall have spoken.

While the President is putting any question, the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private discourse.

Every member, who shall be in the house when any question is put, shall vote, unless he be personally interested in the question, or shall be excused by the Convention for reasons assigned.

RULE II. All Special Committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

RULE III. No motion shall be considered as before the Convention, unless seconded by a member not belonging to the same Parish with the mover; and every motion shall, if required, be reduced to writing, and the name of the mover appended.

**RULE IV.** When the report of a Committee is presented, it shall be read and entered on the minutes, unless otherwise determined by the house; and, if accompanied by resolutions, the question shall be on adopting them.

**RULE V.** When a question is before the Convention, it shall be in order—1, To lay on the table; 2, To postpone to a day certain; 3, To commit; 4, To amend; 5, To divide; 6, To postpone indefinitely; and motions for any of these proceedings shall have precedence in the order in which they are here named; and a question on any of these proceedings shall be decided before the original motion.

**RULE VI.** An address or communication from the Bishop shall be in order at any time.

**RULE VII.** A motion to lay upon the table shall be decided without debate.

**RULE VIII.** A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, when no member is speaking, and, if unqualified, shall be decided without debate.

**RULE IX.** When votes or Elections by orders are called for (by three Clerical members or by the lay delegations from three Parishes,) each Clergyman and each Parish shall be entitled to one vote, and there must be a concurrence of the majority of both orders voting, and the yeas and nays, when taken, shall be entered on the minutes.

**RULE X.** At the request of the President, or on motion, the Convention may resolve itself into a committee of the whole.

**RULE XI.** All elections, when required by two members, shall be by ballot.

**RULE XII.** On all questions of order, the President shall decide, subject to an appeal to the house.

**RULE XIII.** All amendments shall be considered in the order in which they are moved. When a proposed amendment is under consideration, a motion to amend the same may be made; no after amendment to such second amendment shall be in order; but a substitute for such second amendment, or a substitute for the whole matter, may be received. No proposition on a subject

different from that under consideration shall be received under color of a substitute.

**RULE XIV.** The mover may withdraw a motion or resolution at any time before decision or amendment, with the consent of the Convention, in which case it shall not be entered on the minutes.

**RULE XV.** A question being decided, shall not be reconsidered during the same session, without the consent of two-thirds of the members present, nor unless the motion to reconsider be made and seconded by members who voted in the majority on the original decision.

**RULE XVI.** When the Convention is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the President leaves his chair.

**RULE XVII.** None of the Rules of Order shall be suspended without the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

**RULE XVIII.** The foregoing Rules of Order shall be read at the opening of every Convention, and shall be of force, unless repealed by a vote of the Convention.

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**Keep the unity of spirit in the bond of peace.**  
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**One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism,**  
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**Who is above all, and though all, and in you all.**  
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**Behold how these Christians love one another.**  
**Brethren pray for us.**

**Mark them that cause divisions among you, and avoid them.**

**For the sake of unity, peace, and good will, will you vote  
the following ticket at the coming convention ?**

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# Form of Parochial Report,

AS ADOPTED BY THE CONVENTION OF 1840, AND AMENDED BY THE CONVENTION OF 1855 & 1861.

**Church**

***The Rev.***

**Rector.**

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**N. B.** It is expected that the clergyman will make such observations as to give a comprehensive view of the state of his parish and of his ministerial services during the past year.

## Notice.

The Seventy-fourth Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Massachusetts, will be holden in Trinity Church, Boston, on the third Wednesday (the 18th day) of May, 1864, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

JOSEPH H. CLINCH,

*Secretary of the Convention.*

*South Boston, May, 1863.*

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### Form of Certificate for Lay Delegates.

(Authorized by vote of Convention of 1849.)

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[Name of Town] ——— A. D. 18—.

This is to certify, that at a regular meeting of the Parish of ——— Church, ———, held on the ——— day of ——— 18—, the following persons, viz :

Messrs. ———, ———,  
———, ———,  
———, ———,

were duly elected lay delegates to represent this Parish in the next Diocesan Convention, to be held in ——— Church, in ———, on the ——— day of ———, A. D. 18—, and that they are stated worshippers in this Parish.

———, ———,  
*Parish Clerk.*

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On motion of the Rev. George S. Converse,

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Rectors of Parishes to enforce the observance of the 1st Section of Canon 12, Title II. of the Digest.

On motion of the same.

*Resolved*, That the foregoing resolution, together with the Section of the Canon referred to, be printed upon the cover of the Journal.

Title II. Canon 12, Section 1.

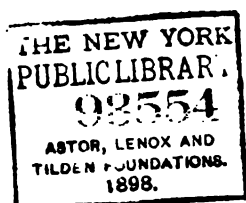
A communicant removing from one Parish to another shall procure from the Rector (if any) of the Parish of his last residence, or, if there be no Rector, from one of the Wardens, a certificate stating that he or she is a communicant in good standing; and the Rector of the Parish or Congregation to which he or she removed, shall not be required to receive him or her as a communicant, until such letter be produced.

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*Boston, Wednesday, May 18, 1864, }  
Trinity Church. }*

THIS being the time and place appointed for the meeting of the seventy-fourth annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Massachusetts, the Rt. Rev. the Bishop, with several of the Clergy and Lay Delegates, assembled in Trinity Church, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. A. M. Wylie, Rector of the Church of the Ascension, Fall River. The Ante-Communion Service was read by the Bishop, assisted in the Epistle, by the Rev. Francis Wharton.

The annual Sermon was then delivered by the Rev. J. I. T. Coolidge, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, South Boston, from the text, St. John's Gospel xvi. 33. *Be of good cheer ; I have overcome the world.*

After which, at the Offertory, which was read by the Rev. Francis Wharton, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Brookline, a collection was made for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen of the Diocese.

The Holy Communion was then administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Francis Wharton, to the Clergy and to a large number of the Laity.

The Congregation having retired, the Chair was taken by the Bishop, and the following list of Clergymen entitled to seats in the Convention, was called over by the Secretary :—

The Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D.D.

The Rev. Nath'l G. Allen, The Rev. F.D. Huntington, D.D.,

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| " Reese F. Alsop,                 | " <i>John T. Huntington,</i>    |
| " Benj. B. Babbitt,               | " Wm. R. Huntington,            |
| " Sam'l B. Babcock,               | " <i>Geo. C. Jones,</i>         |
| " Wm. R. Babcock,                 | " Henry L. Jones,               |
| " Alfred L. Baury,                | " Cyrus F. Knight,              |
| " Jas. A. Bolles, D.D.,           | " Thos. R. Lambert, D.D.,       |
| " Wm. H. Brooks, D.D.,            | " Chas. H. Learoyd,             |
| " John T. Burrill,                | " Henry McClory,                |
| " <i>Charles Burroughs, D.D.,</i> | " Geo. H. McKnight,             |
| " Henry Burroughs,                | " W. H. Mills,                  |
| " <i>Geo. T. Chapman, D.D.,</i>   | " Pliny B. Morgan,              |
| " Edwin B. Chase,                 | " Jas. Mulchahey,               |
| " Moses B. Chase,                 | " <i>W. R. Nicholson, D.D.,</i> |
| " Robert F. Chase,                | " Geo. Packard,                 |
| " <i>Francis E. R. Chubbuck,</i>  | " <i>Wm. P. Page,</i>           |
| " Joseph H. Clinch,               | " Geo. S. Paine,                |
| " Wm. B. Colburn,                 | " S. P. Parker, D.D.,           |
| " George S. Converse,             | " A. C. Patterson,              |
| " Jas. I. T. Coolidge,            | " Joshua R. Peirce,             |
| " Andrew Croswell,                | " <i>Jesse A. Penniman,</i>     |
| " Samuel Cutler,                  | " William R. Pickman,           |
| " Theodore Edson, D.D.,           | " Geo. M. Randall, D.D.,        |
| " <i>D. G. Estes, D.D.,</i>       | " John B. Richmond,             |
| " Thomas F. Fales,                | " John P. Robinson,             |
| " Justin Field,                   | " <i>John H. Rouse,</i>         |
| " J. S. Copley Greene,            | " <i>George Rumney,</i>         |
| " David G. Haskins,               | " W. W. Sever,                  |
| " Nicholas Hoppin, D.D.,          | " Charles Seymour,              |

The Rev. *Chas. H. Seymour*, The Rev. John L. Watson, D.D.

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| " Samuel B. Shaw,           | " Robert Weeks,         |
| " Geo. C. Shepard, D.D.,    | " E. M. P. Wells, D.D., |
| " Edmund F. Slafter,        | " John West,            |
| " Cornelius B. Smith,       | " Francis Wharton,      |
| " <i>Theo. W. Snow</i> ,    | " J. Crockar White,     |
| " Samuel S. Spear,          | " George D. Wildes,     |
| " Moses P. Stickney,        | " Pelham Williams,      |
| " Edward H. True,           | " William Withington,   |
| " A. H. Washburn,           | " A. M. Wylie.          |
| " <i>Elisha F. Watson</i> , |                         |

The following Clergymen entitled to seats, but not to votes, were then called over :—

The Rev. *Henry W. Adams*, The Rev. Joseph Kidder,

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| " Henry F. Allen,            | " William F. Lhoyd,           |
| " William S. Bartlet,        | " George L. Locke,            |
| " <i>Gordon M. Bradley</i> , | " <i>Andrew Mackie</i> ,      |
| " B. F. DeCosta,             | " <i>Nathan W. Munroe</i> ,   |
| " George Denham,             | " <i>Edmund B. Palmer</i> ,   |
| " <i>Edward DeZeng</i> ,     | " <i>Dexter Potter</i> ,      |
| " Francis A. Foxcroft,       | " Robert C. Rogers,           |
| " <i>Frederick Freeman</i> , | " <i>John Stearns</i> ,       |
| " <i>Wm. G. Hawkins</i> ,    | " Peter H. Steenstra,         |
| " Samuel H. Hilliard,        | " <i>Kensley J. Stewart</i> , |
| " <i>Charles W. Homer</i> ,  | " <i>George A. Strong</i> .   |
| " <i>Wm. A. Jenks</i> ,      |                               |

The Secretary then called over the names of the Parishes in union with the Convention, when the Lay Delegates handed in the Certificates of their election. The names of the Lay Delegates were then called; and the list of the Clergy and the Certificates of the Lay Delegates were handed over to the Committee on Qualifications.

*Amesbury, St. James's.*

*Andover, Christ.* Francis Coggsowell, Henry G. Tyre, G. K. W. Gallishan.

*Ashfield, St. John's.*

*Boston, Trinity.* George M. Dexter, Charles H. Parker, Thomas C. Amory, Jr.

*Boston, Christ.* Dana Estes, Ware Wilkinson, John Fox.

*Boston, St. Paul's.* James B. Dow, J. Sullivan Warren, J. Baxter Upham.

*Boston, Grace.* Edward L. Stevens, Charles H. Frothingham, Samuel L. Buss.

*Boston, Church of the Messiah.* William Babson, William C. Nicholson, Joseph McCarty.

*Boston, Advent.* George C. Shattuck, M. D., Isaac F. Redfield, Richard H. Dana, Jr.

*Boston, St. Mark's.* Francis J. Baker, John S. Dunlap, John Kehew.

*Boston, Emmanuel.*

*Boston, Free Church of St. Mary.* Henry Wright, Levantine Thomas, Richard Middleton.

*South Boston, St. Matthew's.* David Clapp, Henry W. Nelson, Thomas Hill.

*East Boston, St. John's.* William Munroe, David Byron, John Watson.

*Bridgewater, Trinity.* George L. Edson, Edward H. Cutler, John Edson.

*Brookline, St. Paul's.* James S. Amory, John A. Burnham, Amos A. Lawrence.

*Cambridge, Christ.* Samuel Batchelder, Jr., James C. Merrill, Charles C. Little.

*Cambridge, St. Peter's.* Jas. Hallett, J. K. Palmer, M. D.

*Charlestown, St. John's.* John S. Missroon, William A. Herrick, James C. Benn.

*Chelsea, St. Luke's.* F. D. S. Jones, Henry S. Smith, E. Fletcher.

*Chelsea, St. Andrew's.* Edwin C. Barnes, C. B. Cowling,  
James W. Earl.

*Chicopee, Grace.*

*Clappville, Christ.* George Brown, E. G. Carlton, Francis  
W. Riley.

*Danvers, Calvary.* J. S. Pratt, John W. Inman.

*Dedham, St. Paul's.* Ira Cleveland, Thomas L. Wake-  
field, Erastus Worthington.

*Dorchester, St. Mary's.* Charles Stimpson, Samuel Gil-  
bert, Jr., N. W. Coffin.

*Dorchester, (Hyde Park,) Christ.* George W. Pearson,  
Samuel Fennell, William H. Hoogs.

*Fall River, Ascension.* Walter C. Durfee, R. W. Batt,  
George H. Eddy.

*Framingham, St. John's.* James W. Brown, M. D.,  
Charles R. Train, Theodore C. Hurd.

*Great Barrington, St. James's.* L. G. Robbins, E. Hollis-  
ter.

*Greenfield, St. James's.* R. E. Field, Charles K. Grennell.

*Hanover, St. Andrew's.* John Cushing, George Curtis,  
Robert S. Curtis.

*Haverhill, Trinity.* N. S. Kimball, George P. Russell,  
Edward F. Adams.

*Hopkinton, St. Paul's.* William Phillips, John C. Gard-  
ner, Willard Wadsworth.

*Lanesborough, St. Luke's.* Jedediah W. Newton, Charles  
H. Read, William B. McLaughlin.

*Lawrence, Grace.* L. A. Bishop, H. Barton, D. P.  
Crocker.

*Lee, St. George's.* William T. Fish, Lucius Crocker.

*Lenox, Trinity.*

*Lowell, St. Anne's.* Thomas G. Gerrish, James B. Fran-  
cis, John O. Green, M. D.

*Lowell, St. John's.* Wyllis G. Eaton, Charles R. Littler,  
Alfred Gilman.

- Lynn, St. Stephen's.* Edward S. Davis, William F. Johnson.
- Malden, Grace.* J. S. T. Cushing, A. B. Converse, George W. Clark.
- Marblehead, St. Michael's.* Cabel Prentiss, 3d, Amos Evans, Jr., Richmond F. Warden.
- Medford, Grace.* J. P. Tarbell.
- Melrose, Trinity.* Charles P. Gordon, James Perkins, Horatio N. Perkins.
- Millville, St. John's.* H. S. Mansfield, Marcien Jenckes, O. D. Freeman.
- Nantucket, St. Paul's.*
- New Bedford, Grace.* Edmund Rodman, Alden G. Ellis, Benjamin Russell.
- New Boston, St. Andrew's.*
- Newburyport, St. Paul's.* Nathaniel Foster, David Wood, Alfred W. Lord.
- Newton, St. Mary's.* John Pulcifer, George K. Daniell, Charles Morse.
- Newton, Grace.* Edwin F. Waters, Thomas Smallwood, James E. Butts, Jr.
- North Adams, St. John's.* R. R. Andrews, R. N. Willian, George Adams.
- Northampton, St. John's.*
- Otis, St. Paul's.*
- Pittsfield, St. Stephen's.*
- Plymouth, Christ.* Oliver T. Wood, Nathan H. Holmes, Joseph Smith.
- Quincy, Christ.* Atherton Tilden, Charles C. Jewett, Mark F. Dunklee.
- Roxbury, St. James's.* Samuel Walker, J. B. Kettell, J. J. Soley.
- Roxbury, (Jamaica Plain,) St. John's.* D. B. Hager, Thomas P. Procter, Jonathan Amory.

*Salem, St. Peter's.* Joseph Adams, William A. Howard, William G. Wells.

*Salem, Grace.* Elijah Haskell, George M. Whipple, Benjamin Shreeve.

*Southborough, St. Mark's.* George L. Gilmore, Joseph Burnett, George Herbert Patterson.

*Springfield, Christ.* James H. Morton, William Conner, Jr., R. B. Hildreth.

*Stockbridge, St. Paul's.*

*Swansea, Christ.* William H. Pearce, Preserved S. Gardner, James L. Wellington.

*Taunton St. Thomas's.* Edmund H. Bennett, Samuel L. Crocker, Charles R. Olney.

*Vandusenville, Trinity.*

*Waltham, Christ.* Walcott Richards, M. D., J. E. Pollard, Moses E. Osgood.

*Wilkinsonville, St. John's.* Seth Hartwell, Jephtha P. Newton, William Yearnshaw, Jr.

*Woods' Hole, Messiah.* Joseph S. Fay, John L. Webster, Charles E. Hatch.

*Worcester, All Saints'.* Francis Hilliard, John D. Washburn, M. B. Green.

The Bishop then appointed the following Committee on Qualifications, to whom the list of Clergy called over by the Secretary, and the Credentials of Lay Delegates were referred :

The Rev. Samuel Cutler, The Rev. Justin Field, R. E. Field.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Bolles,

*Resolved,* That the Convention has heard, with emotions of unaffected sorrow, of the death of Mrs. Jane S. Nicholson, wife of the Rev. William R. Nicholson, D.D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, in this city ; and that in token of



respect for the memory of the deceased, and as an expression of our love and sympathy for our bereaved brother, we do now adjourn to attend the funeral solemnities.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That this Convention now adjourn to meet in this place at 4 o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The Rev. Samuel Cutler, from the Committee on Qualifications, made the following report. :

The Committee on Qualifications report that the Rev. G. L. Lock is, in their opinion, not entitled to a vote because he has not been employed in performing the duties of his *station* for six calendar months next before the meeting of the Convention, according to the provisions of the 3d Art. of the Constitution.

They also report that a certificate in the proper form from the "Free Church of St. Mary for Sailors" represents that Messrs. Henry Wright, Levantine Thomas and Richard Middleton were elected Delegates to the Convention. But the Committee were reminded that in the admission of this parish into union with the Convention it was understood and agreed—so far as one Convention can bind another—that they would not send Delegates to the Convention: but as the parish is understood by the Committee to be in union with the Convention and the Constitution (Art. 3) says—"Every parish in this Diocese in union with the Convention shall be entitled to send to the Convention a Lay Delegate or Delegates," they submit the matter to the Convention.

They also report that the certificates of the Lay Delegates are in the proper form, with the exception of that from Christ Church, Swansea, which is imperfect in not stating that the Delegates are stated worshippers in the parish.

For the Committee,

SAMUEL CUTLER.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the foregoing report be adopted.

The roll of the Clergy and the list of Lay Delegates were then called over by the Secretary, the members present answering to their names. Those not present during some portion of the Session, are printed *in italics*.\*

A Constitutional Quorum of both orders being present,  
The Bishop announced the Convention organized.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That in the election of Secretary, balloting be dispensed with.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Rev. Joseph H. Clinch, the former Secretary, be re-elected.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That in the election of Treasurer, balloting be dispensed with.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Rev. Samuel B. Babcock, the former Treasurer, be re-elected.

The Secretary announced to the Convention that he had appointed Mr. George Brown as his Assistant.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Rules of Order adopted at the last Convention, be adopted for the government of this Body.

The Chair announced the following Committees :

*On New Parishes*. The Rev. J. I. T. Coolidge, the

\* See Pages 4-9.

Rev. Reese F. Alsop, the Rev. Charles Seymour, Thomas C. Amory, Jr., S. Gilbert, Jr.

*On Constitution and Canons.* The Rev. Francis Wharton, the Rev. W. H. Mills, the Rev. F. D. Huntington, D.D., Francis Hilliard, Isaac F. Redfield.

*Executive Committee.* The Rev. John T. Burrill, the Rev. William H. Brooks, D.D., James S. Amory.

*On Unfinished Business.* The Rev. George Packard, George C. Shattuck, M. D., Joseph Adams.

*On Finance.* The Rev. Theodore Edson, D.D., Charles Henry Parker, George Curtis.

The Bishop then delivered his Annual Address.

## Annual Address.

MY BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY:—

My first official act, after the adjournment of our last Convention, was on Whit-Sunday, May 24, when I confirmed 17 in the afternoon in Grace Church, Boston.

On that same day, the Bishop of Indiana, at an Ordination held in Christ Church, Indianapolis, admitted to Deacon's Orders, at my request, Mr. Abner P. Brush, a Candidate for Orders of this Diocese. Mr. Brush was soon afterwards transferred to the Diocese of the Bishop by whom he was ordained.

Tuesday in Whitsun-Week, May 26, I confirmed 18 in the evening in St. Paul's, Newburyport, including 1 from Trinity Church, Haverhill. Just before this visit there had been finished a beautiful building of stone, which stands in the church yard, and which is to be devoted to the purposes of the Sunday School of the parish, and to such other services as it may be found convenient to conduct occasionally within its walls. It

was built after a design furnished by the Rev. Benjamin Hale, D.D., of this Diocese ; and is not only a specimen of great architectural taste, but is also admirably adapted to the objects for which it was erected. It was finished at a cost of \$7000 ; and I have pleasure in saying further, that it is a munificent gift to the parish from their Rector, the Rev. Dr. Horton. At one end of the building is a memorial window placed there by the Rector, sacred to the recollection of his daughter and only child, of whom, as you are aware, he was a few years since bereaved. There are also other windows placed by parishioners in memory of departed relatives ; and at the opposite end is a window which, like the others, is of stained glass, and which possesses a peculiar interest from the fact that it is a contribution from the Sunday Scholars of the parish. On the morning of Wednesday, May 27, this building was opened by me with appropriate services, in which I was assisted by the Rev. Drs. Chapman and Estes, the Rev. Messrs. Packard and Wildes, and the Rector and Associate Rector of the parish. I also delivered an Address, on this interesting occasion, to the large congregation which had assembled to participate in the services.

You will share with me in the solemn feeling with which this festive celebration is now called to mind, followed as it was so soon by the departure of the two brethren in the ministry most intimately connected with the transaction. On Wednesday, the 15th of the following July, the Rev. Dr. Hale, to whom we owe the plan of the structure, died at Newburyport. The state of his health, for several previous years, had rendered his long continuance among us improbable, and therefore the event now recorded was not unexpected. My acquaintance with him began long before my connexion with this Diocese ; and, in common with all who knew him, I could not fail to be

interested in the attractive qualities of his mind and heart. Dr. Hale was a scholar of varied attainments, and a highly intellectual man; while his modesty, his quietness, and the refinement of his manners, added to the charm of his mental endowments. He will be long remembered for his labors in the cause of Christian education. On Thursday, the 29th of the following October, the donor of the building above described, the Rev. Dr. Horton, died at his residence in Newburyport. His health had been greatly impaired by the severe bereavement to which I have referred; but the termination of his life was sudden, and unlooked for by his friends. It is unnecessary for me to say that he was an able man; an active parochial clergyman; devoted to the salvation of the souls committed to his charge; and a sound and faithful preacher of the blessed gospel. I had the mournful satisfaction of being present at ~~his~~ funeral, and delivering an Address on the occasion. Thus ~~have~~ these two ambassadors of Christ, so well and honorably known, passed from transient to eternal scenes. May the lesson spoken by their departure be heeded by us all!

In the afternoon of the day of the opening of the building above mentioned, I preached in St. James's, Amesbury.

On Thursday, May 28, I confirmed 13 in the afternoon St. Peter's, Salem; and

In the evening of the same day, confirmed 10 in Grace Church in the same city.

On Friday, May 29, in St. Michael's, Marblehead, I catechized the children in the afternoon, and confirmed 2 persons in the evening.

Trinity Sunday, May 31, I confirmed 12 in the evening in St. Mary's, Dorchester.

On Tuesday, June 2, I confirmed 8 in the evening in St. Stephen's, Lynn.



On Wednesday, June 3, I confirmed 9 in the afternoon in St. Mary's, Newton Lower Falls, including 1 from St. Thomas's, Taunton, and 1 from Emmanuel Church, Boston.

On Thursday, June 4, I confirmed 3 in the evening in Christ Church, Quincy.

In the evening of Friday, June 5, I officiated for the first time in the town of Gloucester, where a parish has been organized under the name of St. John's. The service was held in a very convenient place of worship occupied by the congregation; and I administered the rite of Confirmation to 7 persons. The congregation have recently begun the building of a parish church.

On the first Sunday after Trinity, June 7, I confirmed 5 in the afternoon in Christ Church, Waltham; and

In the evening of the same day, attended a Missionary Meeting at St. John's, Jamaica Plain, in behalf of the Massachusetts Church Missionary Society; delivering an address to the large congregation assembled, and having the pleasure of listening to addresses by the Rector of the parish, and by the Rev. Messrs. Richard and Fales, and the Rev. Dr. Nicholson.


On Tuesday, June 9, I confirmed 20 in the evening in St. Thomas's, Taunton; to which number is to be added 1 already mentioned as confirmed at Newton Lower Falls. Since the time of this visit to Taunton, the Rev. Dr. Vail, Rector of St. Thomas's, has resigned the Rectorship of that parish, and moved to the Diocese of Iowa. His active services in the cause of Missions in this Diocese will, I trust, be long and gratefully remembered by those from whom he is now separated. He has been succeeded at Taunton by the Rev. Robert C. Rogers, from the Diocese of New York.

On Wednesday, June 10, I confirmed 8 in the evening in St. Peter's Church, New Bedford.

St. Barnabas the Apostle, Thursday, June 11, in the Church of the Ascension, Fall River, I catechized the children in the afternoon, and confirmed 12 persons in the evening. The Rev. E. M. Porter has been succeeded in the Rectorship of this parish by the Rev. A. M. Wylie, from the Diocese of Western New York.

On Friday, June 12, I preached in the afternoon, and catechized the children, in Christ Church, Swansea. The Rev. N. W. Munroe has resigned the charge of this parish, in which he had labored with great zeal and ability.

On Tuesday, June 16, I had the pleasure of consecrating to the service of Almighty God the parish church, erected by the congregation of St. Mark's, Southborough. This is an exceedingly beautiful structure, built of stone taken from the neighborhood; and was designed by Mr. Esty. The cost of the building was \$5500; the land on which it stands having been purchased for the price of \$1200 by Joseph Burnett, Esq., and by him presented to the parish. There was a very large attendance of the clergy of this part of the Diocese, and of members of our Church from various parishes, to join in the services of this interesting occasion. The pious work of building a sanctuary, placed as this is in the midst of a rural population, cannot be too highly estimated in these days of neglect of the ordinances: for who can fail to be reminded, while the eye roves over hill and dale teeming with the bounties of Providence, of the general forgetfulness of the Giver by those to whom this beneficence is extended, and also of their still more revolting rejection of that wondrous grace and mercy which God has manifested in their redemption through our Lord Jesus Christ? Here is a durable house of God, in which, for generations to come, our precious Liturgy will utter its witness to the great truths of the Gospel;



and, amidst the shifting fancies of an irreverent and unbelieving world, will hold forth, without interruption, the message of life and immortality through the blood-shedding of the Lamb of God. May the Holy Spirit ever accompany, in this holy spot, the voice of our form of sound words from its reading-desk, and the faithful preaching of Christ from its pulpit !

In the evening of the same day, I confirmed 21 in St. John's, Framingham. The parish church here, I am happy to say, having been relieved from all liabilities, will soon be consecrated.

On Thursday, June 18, I confirmed 2 in the afternoon in St. Andrew's, Hanover.

On Friday, June 19, I confirmed 1 in the afternoon in Trinity Church, Bridgewater.

On the Third Sunday after Trinity, June 21, I confirmed 3 in the afternoon in the temporary place of worship occupied by the congregation of Grace Church, Malden. The Rev. Dexter Potter has recently resigned the charge of this parish.

On Tuesday, June 23, I confirmed 3 in the evening in Christ Church, Andover ; and

On the following day, being St. John Baptist's Day, at an Ordination held in the same church, I admitted to Priest's Orders the Rev. Charles H. Learoyd, Deacon, Rector of Grace Church, Medford ; this parish having become vacant by the resignation of the Rev. George A. Strong. The Rev. Messrs. Packard, Babbitt, and Seymour, united with me in the imposition of hands.

In the evening of the same day, I confirmed 13 in Grace Church, Lawrence.

On Thursday, June 25, I catechized the children in the afternoon in Trinity Church, Haverhill ; and confirmed 13 persons in the evening.



On Friday, June 26, I confirmed 11 in the evening in St. John's, Millville.

On the Fourth Sunday after Trinity, June 28, I confirmed 4 in the afternoon in Grace Church, Newton Corner, including 1 from the Church of the Epiphany, Brighton.

St. Peter's Day, Monday, June 29, in Christ Church, Springfield, I catechized the children in the afternoon, and confirmed 11 persons in the evening.

On Tuesday, June 30, I confirmed 5 in the evening in St. John's, Northampton. The Rev. Mr. Bean has lately resigned the Rectorship of this parish, which is at present temporarily served by the Rev. Gordon M. Bradley, who has been transferred by Letters Dimissory from the Diocese of Maryland.

On Wednesday, July 1, I catechized the children in the afternoon in St. James's, Greenfield, and confirmed 6 persons in the evening. The Rev. S. Russell Jones has resigned the charge of this parish, and removed to Illinois; and has been succeeded by the Rev. P. V. Finch, from the Diocese of Connecticut.

On Thursday evening, July 2, I officiated for the first time at Fitchburg. The services were held in a hall used by the congregation, and there was a large attendance on the occasion. I confirmed 14 persons. A parish has been organized, by the name of Christ Church, since the time of my visit; and the erection of a church, on a lot of ground which has been purchased, will be soon begun.

On Tuesday, July 7, I catechized the children in the afternoon, and confirmed 9 persons in the evening, in Christ Church, Plymouth.

On the Sixth Sunday after Trinity, July 12, I preached in the morning and afternoon in St. Andrew's, Lynn.

On Tuesday, July 14, at an Ordination held in St. Luke's, Chelsea, I admitted to Priest's Orders the Rev. Pliny B. Morgan, Deacon, Rector of St. Andrew's, Chelsea. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Coolidge, who also, together with the Rev. Dr. Lambert, and the Rev. Mr. DeCosta, united with me in the imposition of hands.

On Wednesday, July 15, I held an Ordination in Grace Church, Boston, and admitted to Deacon's Orders Mr. O. W. Whitaker, a Candidate for Orders of this Diocese. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Clinch.

On Thursday, July 16, it was my pleasant duty to consecrate St. John's Church, Lowell; the encumbrance upon it having been not long before removed, and the property having been placed entirely out of danger of being alienated by debt. There was a large congregation present at the services, as well as a numerous attendance of the clergy. May the Divine blessing ever rest upon this parish, and make the ministrations dispensed to it the means of "bringing many sons unto glory!"

On the Seventh Sunday after Trinity, July 19, I confirmed 7 in the afternoon in St. Paul's, Dedham.

On Friday, August 7, at an Ordination held in St. Stephen's Chapel, Boston, I admitted to Priest's Orders the Rev. O. W. Whitaker, Deacon, Missionary to Nevada under an appointment from the American Church Missionary Society. The Rev. Mr. Sever, who was to have preached the Sermon on this occasion, was unavoidably prevented from discharging the duty; and the discourse he was to have delivered was read by the Rev. Mr. Coolidge, who also, together with the Rev. Drs. Wells and Watson, united with me in the imposition of hands. Mr. Whitaker has since been transferred to the jurisdiction of the Missionary Bishop of the North West.

On Saturday, September 19, I held an Ordination in Grace

Church, Boston, and admitted to Priest's Orders the Rev. Samuel H. Hilliard, Deacon, Rector of the parish. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Huntington, who also, together with the Rev. Messrs. Sever and Spear, united with me in the imposition of hands.

St. Matthew the Apostle, Monday, September 21, at an Ordination held in Emmanuel Church, Boston, I admitted to Deacon's Orders Mr. Nathan H. Chamberlain, a Candidate for Orders of this Diocese, and late a Unitarian Minister. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Huntington. Mr. Chamberlain accepted, during the winter, an appointment to a parish in Connecticut, and has been transferred to that Diocese.

On Monday, September 28, I confirmed 9 in the afternoon in St. Paul's, Hopkinton. This parish is now served by the Rev. B. F. Cooley, of the Diocese of Connecticut.

On the Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity, October 4, I confirmed 2 in the evening in St. Mary's, Dorchester; making, with the 12 previously confirmed, 14 as the number for the year.

On Wednesday, October 7, I confirmed 6 in the evening in Calvary Church, Danvers. The Rev. Robert F. Chase is again the Rector of this parish, and has been transferred to this Diocese by the Bishop of Pennsylvania.

On Tuesday, October 13, I preached in the afternoon in St. John's, Wilkinsonville. The Rev. George S. Paine has relinquished the charge of this parish, and become the Rector of St. Stephen's, Lynn. He has been succeeded at Wilkinsonville by the Rev. Samuel S. Spear.

On Wednesday, October 14, I confirmed 3 in the evening in Christ Church, Clappville.

On Friday, October 16, I preached in the morning, and catechized the children, in St. John's, Ashfield. You are all aware of the sudden removal from this world of the Rector of

this parish, the Rev. Mr. Flower. He attended the Convention of this Diocese in May last in his accustomed health ; and on Tuesday, the 23d of the following month, expired at the Rectory. His ministry at Ashfield was, I have reason to believe, very useful ; and its unexpected termination is sincerely and deeply regretted by the people among whom he labored.

On the Twentieth Sunday after Trinity, October 18, I confirmed 5 in the morning in St. John's, North Adams ; and in the afternoon confirmed 3 at South Adams.

On Monday, October 19, I preached in the morning, and confirmed 13 in the afternoon, in St. Luke's, Lanesborough.

On Tuesday, October 20, I confirmed 4 in the morning in St. Stephen's, Pittsfield. This parish has just been made vacant, by the resignation of its Rector, the Rev. John Stearns.

On Wednesday, October 21, I confirmed 1 in the afternoon in Trinity Church, Lenox.

On Thursday, October 22, I preached in the evening in a temporary place of worship occupied by the congregation of St. George's, Lee.

On Friday, October 23, I confirmed in the afternoon in St. Paul's, Stockbridge, a parishioner of Trinity Church, Lenox.

On the Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity, October 25, I confirmed 3 in the morning, and catechized the children, in Trinity Church, Vandeusenville ; and in the evening confirmed 11 in St. James's, Great Barrington. I am gratified to say, that the people at Vandeusenville have raised nearly sufficient funds for the building of a new church ; the greater part of the sum having been generously given by one member of the parish. The work will soon be begun ; and, when completed, will promote greatly the prosperity of the parish, which has lately suffered much from the dilapidated condition of the building in which services have hitherto been held. The Rector now officiates once on every Sunday in the town of Alford.

On Tuesday, October 27, I preached in the morning in St. Paul's, Otis, and in the afternoon in St. Andrew's, New Boston.

On Friday, November 6, it was my painful duty to displace from the ministry, under the provisions of Canon V, Title II, the Rev. Sylvester J. Sawyer, a Deacon of this Diocese. He has gone into the Church of Rome.

On Saturday, November 7, at an Ordination held in Grace Church, Boston, I admitted to Deacon's Orders Mr. George L. Locke, a Candidate for Orders of this Diocese. Mr. Locke has officiated until recently as an Assistant Minister in Grace Church, in this city; and is now officiating as an Assistant in Trinity Church.

On the Twenty-Third Sunday after Trinity, November 8, in Trinity Church, Boston, I confirmed a parishioner of Christ Church, Cambridge.

On the First Sunday in Advent, November 29, in the temporary place of worship occupied by the congregation of the Church of the Epiphany, Brighton, I confirmed 4 in the evening.

On Tuesday, December 1, Christ Church, Hyde Park, having not long before that time been freed from liability, was consecrated by me in the presence of a large congregation, and a gratifying number of the clergy. The church, which is of wood, is a neat and appropriate building, and, with the land on which it stands, cost about \$7000. Hyde Park is steadily increasing in population; and we may reasonably anticipate great blessing from the establishment there of the ordinances of our Church. The original promoters of the undertaking demand our thanks for the energy and perseverance with which they have carried it onward to its completion.

On Tuesday, December 22, I confirmed 6 in the afternoon in Trinity Church, Haverhill; these, in addition to those previously recorded, making 20 for the year.

In the evening of the same day, I confirmed 8 in Christ Church, Andover; making, with the 3 already mentioned as confirmed in the month of June, 11 as the whole number for the year.

On the Sunday after Christmas-Day, December 27, I confirmed 14 in the evening in the Free Church of St. Mary for Sailors, Boston.

On Wednesday, January 27, 1864, I confirmed 13 in the evening in All Saints', Worcester.

Ash-Wednesday, February 10, at the request of the family, I officiated at the burial of the Hon. Marcus Morton, formerly Governor of this State, and at one time a distinguished ornament of the judicial Bench. Besides having served in various capacities, and always with unsullied honor and great ability, this Commonwealth and the nation, he was a frequent representative of St. Thomas's, Taunton, in our Diocesan Convention, and was also chosen by this Diocese as one of its Deputies to the General Convention of our Church. Several years ago I had the satisfaction of seeing him stand, among other candidates, within the walls of his parish church, to receive the rite of Confirmation; and he became from that time a regular communicant at the Table of the Lord. The funeral services took place in St. Thomas's in the presence of a large congregation, to whom I delivered a brief address.

On the Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 13, I confirmed 10 in the afternoon in St. Mark's, Boston.

On Tuesday, March 15, I confirmed 10 in the evening in St. John's, East Boston.

On Wednesday, March 16, I confirmed 5 in the evening in St. Matthew's, South Boston.

On Thursday, March 17, at an Ordination held in St. Stephen's Chapel, Boston, I admitted to Priest's Orders the Rev. George

Gardner Jones, Deacon, Chaplain in the Army. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Henry Burroughs, Rector of Christ Church, Quincy; who also, together with the Rev. Drs. Wells and Randall, and the Rev. B. F. De Costa, united with me in the imposition of hands.

In the afternoon of the same day, I confirmed 15 in St. Stephen's Chapel; making, with 2 hereafter to be mentioned, 17 as the number for the year.

On Friday, March 18, I confirmed 16 in the evening in Grace Church, Boston. There have been confirmed 33 in this church since the last Convention.

On the Sunday next before Easter, March 20, I confirmed 8 in the morning in Trinity Church, Boston; and

In the afternoon of the same day, confirmed 25 in St. James's, Roxbury.

Monday before Easter, March 21, I confirmed 32 in the evening in the Church of the Advent, Boston.

Tuesday before Easter, March 22, I confirmed 17 in the evening in the Church of the Messiah, Boston, including 2 from St. Stephen's Chapel.

Wednesday before Easter, March 23, I confirmed 6 in the evening in St. Paul's, Boston.

Thursday before Easter, March 24, I confirmed 13 in the afternoon in Christ Church, Cambridge. The whole number confirmed during the year is 14.

On the first Sunday after Easter, April 3, I confirmed 21 in the afternoon in St. Paul's, Brookline, and also catechized the children.

On Tuesday, April 5, I confirmed 6 in the evening in Christ Church, Hyde Park.

On Thursday, April 7, I confirmed 2 in the evening at Oxford, where I officiated for the first time, and where, since our last

vention, the services of our Church have been established under the ministry of the Rev. W. F. Lloyd, from the Diocese of Ohio. The prospects of this Mission are in the highest degree encouraging; as it may be inferred from the fact, that the people are considering the building of a substantial church as a work to be soon begun. The congregation occupy, for the present, a very convenient hall, in which, on the occasion of my visit, was assembled a large number of persons to listen to the preaching of the word, and witness the administration of the Laying on of Hands.

On the Second Sunday after Easter, April 10, I confirmed 7 in the afternoon in Christ Church, Boston; and in the evening of the same day, confirmed 28 in Emmanuel Church; to whom is to be added 1, already mentioned as confirmed at Newton Lower Falls.

On Tuesday, April 12, at an Ordination held in St. Mary's, Manchester, I admitted to Deacon's Orders Messrs. George Denham, and Peter Henry Steenstra, Candidates for Orders of the Diocese; the former being late a Congregational Minister, the latter a Baptist. The Sermon was preached by the Rev.

Coolidge. Mr. Denham is now officiating as an assistant in Emmanuel Church, Boston; and Mr. Steenstra has received an appointment as a Missionary in this Diocese from the Massachusetts Church Missionary Society.

On Wednesday, April 13, I confirmed 35 in the evening in St. Anne's, Lowell; and

in the evening of the next day, confirmed 12 in St. John's in the same city, including one parishioner of St. Anne's.

On the third Sunday after Easter, April 17, I confirmed 16 in the evening in St. Luke's, Chelsea; these persons being parishioners of St. Andrew's.

On Wednesday, April 20, I confirmed 8 in the evening in St.



Peter's, Cambridgeport. The Rev. Mr. Page has been succeeded in the Rectorship of this parish by the Rev. Charles Seymour, from the Diocese of Pennsylvania. The parishioners of St. Peter's are now endeavoring to obtain the means of building a larger and more suitable church. This is a good and needed work, in which I trust they will be aided by the contributions of their Christian brethren in other places.

On the Fourth Sunday after Easter, April 24, I confirmed 3 in the afternoon in the temporary place of worship used by the congregation of the Church of the Epiphany, Brighton; these making, with the 5 already mentioned, 8 as the number for the year. Since the last Convention, the people of this parish have begun the building of a church, which will soon be ready for occupation.

St. Mark's Day, Monday, April 25, at an Ordination held in Emmanuel Church, Boston, I admitted to Priest's Orders the Rev. Francis E. R. Chubbuck, Deacon, Chaplain in the Army. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Randall, who also, together with the Rev. Dr. Huntington, and the Rev. Messrs. Withington and Mills, united with me in the imposition of hands.

On the Fifth Sunday after Easter, May 1, I confirmed 21 in the afternoon, and also catechized the children, in St. John's, Charlestown.

On Wednesday, May 4, I confirmed 2 in the evening in St. Paul's, Dedham; making, with the 7 already mentioned, 9 as the whole number for the year.

On the Sunday after Ascension Day, May 8, I confirmed 10 in the afternoon in St. John's, Jamaica Plain.

On Wednesday of last week, May 11, I was present, and delivered one of the Addresses, at the Anniversary of the American Tract Society, held in the city of New York; its distinguished President, the Bishop of Ohio, being in the Chair.

endently of the great work which this Institution has been in supplying the Army and Navy, since the Rebellion is out, with heavenly knowledge, and for which it is entitled in gratitude, I think, and have long thought, that it merits, on more general ground, the support and sympathy of all friends of truth. There are, of course, some things which the American Tract Society does *not* propose to do; but that which it *does* promise, namely, to circulate pages filled with instruction in those great, fundamental doctrines of grace, which lead to the way of salvation through a Redeemer, and in which we agree who hold to Christ as the God-Man, and as the propitiator for our sins, it most faithfully and conscientiously performs. Since its establishment, and amidst all the false liberality, and notions, and vague and indistinct exhibitions of divine truths, which it has witnessed during the many years of its existence, it has steadily adhered, in its publications, to "the simplicity that is in Christ." And this, surely, is a just subject for rejoicing. And, for my own part, my dear brethren, when I think of the infidelity, false religion, and wickedness, that now abound throughout this land, and the activity of Satan in every corner, I cannot help feeling delight and satisfaction in the existence of so mighty and so scriptural a counteracting agency as that of this great national Society; and in thinking of the numbers of immortal beings, who, through the blessing of the Holy Spirit on its labors, are year after year convinced of their lost condition, brought in faith to a Saviour, and "saved by the Lord with an everlasting salvation."

We have to record the organization of a parish at Holliston, under the name of the Church of the Redeemer. Its services are conducted by the Rev. Mr. Cooley. At Westfield, also, a church has been organized since the last Convention, called the Church of the Atonement. Its Rector is the Rev. Andrew

Mackie, who has been received into this Diocese from that of New Jersey. I have also great satisfaction in recording the beginning, in August last, of the services of our beloved Church at Holyoke. Ministrations were rendered for a time by various clergymen; but the Rev. Joseph Kidder, from the Diocese of New York, has been for some months, and is now, the resident pastor of this new congregation. I learn that the prospects of the undertaking are most promising. The people have built a temporary place of worship; and a parish has been organized, by the name of St. Paul's. I have to mention, in addition, the organization of a parish, named Trinity Church, in the town of Milford. It is now under the care of the Rev. Henry Adams, of the Diocese of Ohio.

Of the foregoing particulars the following is the result:—I have confirmed, since the last Convention, 696 persons; ordained 6 Deacons, and 6 Priests; consecrated 3 churches; and 6 parishes have been organized.

The following changes in the Diocese, in addition to those already mentioned, are to be recorded:—The Rev. Arthur Mason and the Rev. Henry A. Yardley have been transferred to the Diocese of Connecticut; the Rev. Edward Cowley, the Rev. Charles H. Gardiner, and Mr. Albert Upham Stanley, Candidate for Orders, to New York; the Rev. Dr. Mercer, and the Rev. Emery M. Porter, to Rhode Island. The Rev. Pelham Williams has been received from the Diocese of Connecticut, and is officiating in the Church of the Advent, Boston; the Rev. Charles Burroughs, D.D., has been received from New Hampshire; and Mr. William D'Orville Doty, Candidate for Orders, from New York. The Rev. N. G. Allen is officiating in East Somerville, and East Cambridge. And the Rev. Mr. Hilliard has ceased to officiate in Grace Church, Boston.

The Candidates for Holy Orders are as follows:—Wentworth

S. Butler, Edward Hale, Daniel S. Preston, James Kent Stone, William A. Holbrook, James H. Saville, Carlos Slafter, William D'Orville Doty, George Howell, James O. Scripture, and Henry J. W. Allen—Total, 11.

I have thus presented to you the record of my labors, during the twelve months that have elapsed since we last assembled together. You, likewise, my reverend brethren, have been working in your several appointed spheres for the advancement of our Master's kingdom; and it may be said of you, as of myself, that the results of these ministrations can be accurately known only to the omniscient Searcher of hearts. We can all, it is true, perceive and appreciate the restraining influences of the preaching of the word, and of the other ordinances of Christ, in preserving society from the ruin into which, without the Gospel, it would inevitably fall through the power of human corruption. But what has been the fruit of the seed which we have cast forth, in turning individual hearts to the Saviour, in lodging conviction in the souls of men, and in creating those impressions which lead ultimately to the establishment of the new and spiritual life within, will only be revealed at the great and final day. To us belongs the duty of faithfully holding up the Redeemer, as the only hope of perishing man: the effect of our ministry we must leave with Him whom it is our glory and blessedness to serve. One thing we are constrained to perceive from year to year, namely, the small apparent good which each separate laborer in the vineyard is permitted to witness. We preach, and preach again; and yet what multitudes seem to remain unmoved and unblest, under all the persuasions, warnings, and admonitions of the Gospel, reiterated by us so constantly in their ears! Surely, then, it is an important question for us to address to ourselves, whether we are affected as deeply as we ought to be by this slowness of heart in the

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And if we really do experience these things, are we driven thereby to a more dependence upon the Holy Spirit? Are we more constant in prayer and meditation? Are we led more entirely away from the world and brought to a more child-like dependence upon Him who holds all our souls in His hand, and reflections of a kindred character? Likewise, my brethren, who are the ministers of the ministry. How few are those, who are in various congregations, who are frequent in the secret chamber, or in family worship, or who are God's children for supplication, for the presence of the Holy Ghost upon their neighborhood, and for the blessing. And therefore it is that the Scriptures are full of exhortations to the ambassadors of Christ, to pray upon the whole body of his followers, and to present this of fervent petitions for that grace to which the word, without which it is preached "for the life of the world."

And if, before concluding this Address, I should be permitted to say that the war against Rebellion which was so recently met, is not yet finished. For the recent giving signal and important victories to the United States, let us devoutly thank his holy name. Let us remember in love the wounded thousands in the army, and among the legions of our misguided youth. Let us not forget those, likewise, whose houses are desolate by these sanguinary and awful conflicts. Let us pray with sincerity, that all these miseries may be speedily established of that kingdom of right-

eousness, peace, and joy, which "the Lord will hasten in his time!"

A petition from St. John's Church, Gloucester, one from the Church of the Epiphany, Brighton, and one from Emmanuel Church, Somerville, to be admitted into union with this Convention, were presented by the Secretary.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That these petitions be referred to the Committee on New Parishes.

The Rev. Thomas R. Lambert, D.D., from the Standing Committee, presented the following Annual Report from that Body:

### Report of the Standing Committee.

The Standing Committee present the following Report for the past Conventional year:

The Committee was duly organized on the 1st day of June, A. D. 1863, by the choice of the Rev. George M. Randall, D.D., as President, and the Rev. Thomas R. Lambert as Secretary. The Committee have had fifteen meetings.

They have signed the Canonical Testimonials of Revs. Charles Henry Learoyd, Pliny B. Morgan, Ozri W. Whitaker, Samuel H. Hilliard, George Gardiner Jones and Francis E. R. Chubbuck, Deacons, recommending them to be admitted to the Order of the Priesthood.

They have signed the Canonical Testimonials of Ozri William Whitaker, Nathan H. Chamberlin, (late a Minister of the Unitarian Denomination), George Denham, Peter Henry Steenstra and George Lyman Locke, applying to be admitted to the Order of Deacons.

They have signed the Canonical Testimonials of George Denham, (late a Minister of the Congregational Denomination,) Peter Henry Steenstra and George Howell, Jr., (late Ministers of

the Baptist Denomination,) James O. Scripture and Henry John Whitehouse Allen, recommending them to be Candidates for Holy Orders.

For the Committee,

THOMAS R. LAMBERT, *Secretary*.

Boston, May 18, 1864.

The Rev. George M. Randall, D.D., presented the Annual Account of the Treasurer of the Society for the relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen. (See Appendix.)

The Rev. J. I. T. Coolidge, from the Committee on New Parishes, made the following report :

#### **Report of the Committee on New Parishes.**

The Committee on New Parishes respectfully report :

That an application in due form has been received from the Church of the Epiphany, Brighton, and move its admission into union with this Convention.

Also,—That an application in due form has been received from Emmanuel Church, Somerville, and move its admission into union with this Convention.

Also,—That an application has been received from St. John's, Gloucester, but is imperfect in its form.

The Committee therefore recommend that the Church of the Epiphany, Brighton, and Emmanuel Church, Somerville, be admitted into union with this Convention.

For the Committee,

J. I. T. COOLIDGE, *Chairman*.

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On Motion,

*Resolved*, That the Church of the Epiphany, Brighton, and Emmanuel Church, Somerville, be admitted into union with this Convention.

The Secretary then called over the names of the Delegates from these two parishes, as follows :



*Church of Epiphany, Brighton.* Isaac G. Braman, Thomas P. Bray, Charles Harding.

*Emmanuel Church, Somerville.* Mortimer Lyon, Benjamin Woodward, Peter J. Barry.

Who appeared and took seats in the Convention.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That this Convention now adjourn to meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Adjourned.

*Trinity Church, Thursday,*  
*9 o'clock, A. M.*

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Samuel P. Parker, D.D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Stockbridge.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Lay delegation from Christ Church, Swansea, be admitted to seats in this Convention.

The roll of the Clergy and of the Lay Delegates was then called over by the Secretary, when several members, not present yesterday, appeared and took their seats.

The Treasurer of the Diocese made his annual Report, which,

On motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Finance. (See Appendix.)

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the alteration in the 3d Article of the Constitution, printed on page 48 of the Journal of 1863, be referred to the Committee on Canons and Constitutions.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That Clergymen of this Church, not entitled



to seats in this Convention, and Candidates for Holy Orders, be invited to be present at the sittings of this Body.

*Whereupon*, the following appeared and took seats in the Convention :

The Rev. M. A. DeW. Howe, D.D., - Pennsylvania.  
 “ L. P. W. Balch, D.D., - Rhode Island.  
 “ Emery M. Porter, - - Rhode Island.  
 “ P. Voorhees Finch, - - Connecticut.  
 “ Thomas G. Salter, - - New Hampshire.  
 “ Charles Wingate, - - Rhode Island.  
 “ Francis Byrne, - - Jamaica, W. I.

The Rev. George M. Randall, D.D., Registrar of the Diocese made his annual Report :

Boston, May 18, 1864.

The Church Registrar reports that since the last Convention he has received the following documents :—

Journal of the Convention of the Diocese of Maine, from the Rev. Edward Ballard.

An Historical Sketch of St. Michael's Church, Marblehead, from the Rev. John B. Richmond.

An Historical Sketch of St. Luke's Church, Lanesboro', from the Rev. Samuel B. Shaw.

An Historical Sketch of Trinity Church, Melrose, from the Rev. John B. Richmond.

A copy of the Episcopal Recorder of January 7, 1847, containing an account of the Consecration of the Rt. Rev. Bishop Eastburn.

GEORGE M. RANDALL,  
*Church Registrar, Diocese of Massachusetts.*

The Rev. J. I. T. Coolidge, from the Committee on New Parishes, reported that the papers from St. John's Church, Gloucester, had been amended, and said Parish was recommended for admission into union with this Convention.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That St. John's Church, Gloucester, be admitted into union with this Convention.

The certificate of election of Lay Delegates from said Parish was then handed in, and their names called over by the Secretary, as follows :

*St. John's Church, Gloucester.* H. E. Marchant, A. B. Hoyt, M. D., J. S. Webber.

Who appeared and took their seats.

The Rev. Samuel B. Babcock, Secretary of the Board of Missions, presented the annual Report of that Body :

### **Annual Report of Massachusetts Board of Missions.**

Your Diocesan Board of Missions present to their constituents their Annual Report :

You have committed to our hands the most important trust and the most responsible work of the Diocese—the extension of the Church in this portion of the Lord's vineyard. Not only are we to “strengthen the things that remain,” but to *advance* the kingdom of Christ ; to present the claims and privileges and blessings of the Church, in those places where our services have never yet been known, but being known, would be hailed “with great gladness of heart.”

Thus commissioned, we feel that we are your *mind* “to devise liberal things ;” your sympathetic *heart* to love those that are round about us, and need the children's bread as well as we ; and your *hands* to dispense the charities of the Church. We merely *represent* the will and wishes of the *Diocese*. But it is a noble trust to hold up the hands of the standard-bearers that are faltering in the strife, and a holy duty to plant the standard in new territory in Jesus' sacred name. Wherever we sustain or wherever we carry the services and the sacraments of the Church, we feel that we are doing precisely what you desired

and designed we should do, as subserving the work of Christ, in all the region round about.

It is alike our duty and our pleasure to report the history and the results of the Diocesan Board of Missions since the Convention of 1863. That history is somewhat peculiar, and will secure the careful consideration of the present Convention.

The Protestant Episcopal Church is eminently systematic in all her plans and operations. She does, or should do, nothing fitfully. "Decently and in order," is the divine maxim. "Decently and in order," is the sentiment the Church adopts,—the rule by which she acts.

This principle is carried out in the Constitution of the Board of Missions. It is an elective organization, the Bishop at its head, Clergymen and Laymen its members. The Canons of the Diocese make our law, and our means are dependent on the good-will and pious charity of those who love the ways of Zion.

Under the Canon of Convention, the present Board was duly organized at the house of the Bishop, in June, 1863. The members elected by the Southern District Association of the Diocese, were the Rev. Dr. Huntington, the Rev. Mr. Mills, and the Rev. S. B. Babcock. Of the Eastern District Association of the Diocese, the Rev. Drs. Edson and Hoppin, and the Rev. Mr. Babbitt. Of the Western District Association of the Diocese, the Rev. Dr. Parker, and the Rev. Messrs. Stearns and John T. Huntington.

The Rev. S. B. Babcock was chosen Secretary, by ballot, and James B. Dow, Esq., Treasurer.

The Rev. Dr. Huntington, Benjamin P. Richardson, Esq., and the Rev. Mr. Babbitt composed the Executive Committee. Christ Church, Andover, was represented by F. Cogswell, Esq., Trinity Church, Boston, by B. P. Richardsou, Esq., St. Paul's, Brookline, by George A. Brown, Esq., and St. Paul's, Boston, by James B. Dow, Esq.

Monthly meetings have been held regularly, except in the vacation-month of August. The Bishop has presided at nearly every meeting, and our deliberations have never been commenced without the sacrifice of prayer, conducted by the Bishop.

The Treasurer's Report is appended as part of this account of our proceedings, and also the Reports of the Secretaries of the several District Associations. A Committee was appointed by the Board to make personal application to members of our Church in behalf of the Missionaries. Their appeal was responded to, and a seasonable contribution to our funds was obtained by their exertions.

The Parish-work of the Missionaries will be found in their respective Parochial Reports, and need not be inserted here. Besides the appointments already enumerated, the Board thought it advisable to have a special Missionary Agency, to present the cause of Missions in such Churches as might be willing to receive their appeal. The Rev. Drs. Randall and Huntington were accordingly appointed, and they report as follows:—

### **Report of the Missionary Agency.**

As soon as was practicable after their appointment in July, 1863, the undersigned undertook the duty designated for them in behalf of the Board, according to the terms of the vote, which was as follows:

“That the Executive Committee be authorized to appoint an agent, or agents, from the Clergy, to visit the several District Associations at some convenient time of their meeting, for friendly conference and the promotion of a mutual good understanding; and also to visit the Parishes of the Diocese with the consent of the several Rectors, to promote Missionary activity, and to awaken a Missionary spirit.”

Beginning in the Western part of the Diocese, and proceeding as rapidly as was consistent with our Parochial and other engagements, we have traversed nearly all parts of the territory of the State, and have visited and addressed, besides the District Associations, thirty-five Parishes. We desire to acknowledge, very respectfully and gratefully, that in every instance our reception has been most cordial and fraternal; the congregations we met were generous in their numbers and in their attention, as well as in their offerings to the cause which it was our

privilege to present. The several Rectors considerably furthered our suggestions, and granted us every needful facility for the prosecution of the work. In some instances, collections for Diocesan Missions were taken at the time of our visits; in other cases, they followed at a later day. It is a great gratification to learn that the response to these calls has been so prompt and so liberal, that the policy publicly avowed by the Board of Missions as *desirable*, at the time of our appointment, is now in actual operation, viz. :—

“That in the financial management of the Board, it is desirable to bring the Treasury, as fast and as far as convenient, to that condition where appropriations can be made from money actually in hand, rather than on expectations or pledges; and that this policy should be kept in view, so far as the safety and welfare of the Parishes or stations already receiving aid from the Board shall allow.”

So far as was consistent with a proper deference to the judgment and wishes of the several Rectors, we have earnestly recommended the adoption of a plan of systematic offerings for this object by means of tickets, so prepared as to encourage not only every man and every woman but every child to signify in writing, beforehand, how much each one would give at stated intervals. The experiments that have been made, in this way, have greatly confirmed our confidence in such an instrumentality, properly managed, as an almost certain means of increasing very largely the income of the Board. Rectors who have tried it declare that the amount contributed in their Parishes has thus been increased *fourfold* and even *tenfold*.

Understanding from the Board that its entire action, in this, as in all other departments, must be of the most catholic character, we have in all respects scrupulously consulted the preferences of the Clergy. Wherever we have been, we have ignored all party questions, have sought first of all to know only Jesus Christ and Him crucified, as the power and life of the Church's Missionary enterprise, and have freely left it to each Rector to direct and apply the funds at his command, according to his own choice. Indeed, no narrower construction of our duty would be

compatible with our own convictions, any more than with the honor of the Board itself, and the broad teachings of the Gospel.

Happily, we have been enabled, for the most part, to add the labors of this Agency to the regular services of our own Parishes, or else to make such other arrangements that the expense of the Agency has amounted to less than the cost of travel from place to place.

In closing this Report, we beg leave only to state it, as our belief, strengthened by the intercourse thus allowed us with both Clergy and Laity, in all parts of the Diocese, that the time is propitious beyond all precedent for extending the knowledge and influence of our Church ; that with more Missionaries a work of unlimited extent might readily be done, all around us, for the Lord of our Salvation ; and that an important instrument in effecting that result would be a more constant and general diffusion of Missionary intelligence among the people.

GEO. M. RANDALL.

F. D. HUNTINGTON.

You will perceive, by the Treasurer's Report, that God has put it into the hearts of Christians to supply our Treasury even to the overflow, so that every Missionary has received his apportionment, to the first day of the present quarter of the year, and funds are on hand for the next payment that shall become due. This intelligence will be the more gratifying when you learn some of the difficulties by which the Board has been embarrassed.

We have been enabled to extend liberal aid to twelve different Missionary Stations, and, had we means and men, we could introduce our services favorably into scores of villages, where the Church would find a welcome, and in some cases speedily become self-supporting.

Never has the Macedonian cry been louder in the land, than at the present time. Never has the quiet conservatism of the Church been more needed than now. Are not the fountains of the great deep broken up ? Are not men running to and fro, and crying, " Lo ! here is Christ," or " Lo ! he is there ? "

Are not the religious elements in painful commotion throughout the length and breadth of the land? Are not religious theories all about us, like the ever-shifting sands of the desert? And, in the midst of all the confusion, does not infidelity abound more and more, even to denying the Lord that bought us?

What body of Christians holds the truth with such Scriptural fulness and symmetry as our Church holds it? What denomination of Christians is so rigid to preserve all the Gospel in the Church, and keep every thing but the Gospel out of the Church? Who is so true to the declaration of the Saviour that his "kingdom is not of this world?" What body of Christians loses so few of its ministers by lapsing quietly into civil life, and mingling in affairs of state and commerce? So that we have advantages every way, and particularly in this day of overturnings, to do an immeasurable good for truth and holiness.

And the community recognizes and admits this advantage and beseeches "Send us men to preach the unsearchable riches"—to proclaim the unadulterated truth as it is in Jesus. If we are true to ourselves and to Christ, the way is open for any advance the most earnest Christian can desire to make. "Whoso hath ears to hear" will perceive it is more the voice of God that calls, than the voice of man.

It is the great day of the Lord, when, if we "quit ourselves like men," and strive together for the unity of the faith, we can create results such as the Church has never yet witnessed, since this people took its place among the kingdoms of the earth. Men and means! Energy and concert! Prayer and faith! and God places it in your power to do a great work for the glory of his Name—for the salvation of the souls of men. The great national convulsion will not hinder it. No impending commercial calamity can hinder it. Nothing but our own unfaithfulness, our unwise disagreements, or our own unpardonable apathy need prevent us from making such an extension of the Redeemer's kingdom as our eyes have never yet witnessed, our hearts never yet conceived.

At one of the earliest meetings of the Board, a Report from the Executive Committee was adopted, and distributed generally

among the Parishes; setting forth, among other principles, regarded of great practical importance in our proceedings, the following: "That each Parish aided by the Board shall be independent in the choice of its minister; and that no other rule of appropriation shall be admitted as respects theological and ecclesiastical standing, than that of allegiance, on the part of the beneficiary, to the common standards of faith and practice, acknowledged by the whole Protestant Episcopal Church."

Special attention is invited to this declaration, as a rule religiously followed in all the appointments of the Board. We have in our service to-day ministers of every phase of Churchmanship, not one of whom, we trust, fails to preach a crucified Saviour, in all the purity and power of the Gospel of our Salvation, "according to the grace that is given him."

This principle is as broad and tolerant as the Constitution, Canons and Rubrics of our Church. We conceive it to be in harmony with the generous tendencies of the Christian world, in respect both to its theological thought, and its yearning after that unity for which our blessed Redeemer prayed so earnestly, just as He was committing his Church into the hands of his Apostles. We conceive it, moreover, to be vital to the most efficient operation of our Missionary system.

A Board of Missions is neither a court of theological inquiry, nor an arm of ecclesiastical discipline, nor yet an arena of polemical debate. It knows nothing of party spirit or party tests of any nature whatsoever. No one sided interpretation of this rule should for a moment be admitted. Every ordained minister stands on the same ground, so far as these questions are concerned. If he present clean papers and the Bishop receive him, as competent to proclaim "the faith once delivered to the saints," then the Church, everywhere, in her Missionary character, is bound to receive him, and, provided the people of any Parish make choice of him to watch over them in the Lord, the Board of Missions is not justified in declining to appoint him. Can we reasonably withhold this degree of confidence in the government and laws of the Church? We appeal to our brethren of the Laity, as those on whom we so much depend for



the necessary means to conduct our Missions, whether it is not the best possible reason for making their charities large and cordial, that we interpose no test-question between them and the minister whom they prefer to lead them out into green pastures, and beside the waters of comfort.

To our brethren of the Clergy who are candidates for appointment, it cannot be otherwise than grateful to know that their liberty is so respected as not to subject them to any new examination, going behind that required by the Canons, whether with reference to their place of training, or the non-essentials of their professional ministrations.

On this comprehensive ground, the Board can see great advantages in a hearty co-operation of all the members of the Church in the Diocese, of all shades of opinion, in Missionary activity. This will increase the love of the brotherhood; will add to the strength of our cause by promoting agreement in our Councils, and serve to check the tendency to those extreme views, in either direction, by which brethren are liable to be estranged one from another. Those without will be led to respect our views, and extend to us a helping hand, perceiving that we strive to dwell together and work together in Christian love; and our ascended Lord will give his grace and blessing to those who strive for the accomplishment of the unity and prosperity of his Church. Thus a benefit will accrue which can have no possible equivalent in larger bestowments of money, stimulated on either hand by the unhallowed spirit of competition.

Our Board recognizes, then, what may be called, in the best sense, *The Voluntary Principle of Missionary Action*.

There can be no question, of course, that any man, who gives of his substance to advance the Missions of the Church, has a right to direct in what manner his gifts shall be applied. According to our organization, every contributor may specify upon which one of all the Missionaries, or the Missionary stations, his contributions shall be bestowed, and his preference will be conscientiously respected. This is the "Voluntary Principle" in its purity and consistency. The choice is individ-



ual. The field in which to choose is as broad as that of the Church Catholic, and the freedom is complete.

And while considering this particular subject, we ask, Is not your own Board, the voluntary appointment of your own creation? Did you make it by any compulsion? Is any man's liberty restrained in any one matter pertaining to its organization, its laws, or its action? Was it not devised in the quiet, unbiassed wisdom of the Convention? Its origin and its history are significant. The direct object was, "to harmonize and concentrate the Missionary enterprises of the Diocese." And these results were happily reached in the second year of its existence, assigning as one happy result, "that the Rt. Rev. Bishop being *ex officio*, President of the Board can better determine, &c." (Journal, 1838, p. 54.)

In 1841, the Report says: "They have discovered no defect in the present organization of the Board. They believe it to be the best that can be devised for the purpose of conducting the Missionary operations of the Church." (B. of M. 1841, Rev. Mr. Baurry, Rev. Dr. Stone, Rev. Thomas M. Clark, Rev. Theodore Edson, Rev. J. L. Watson, B. Howard, Esq., B. P. Richardson, Esq., Edwin S. Rand, Esq., and Bishop Griswold, President.)

The Report for 1842 was placed in the hands of a special Committee, (the Rev. Messrs. Clark, H. W. Lee, and the Hon. Edward A. Newton and Benjamin Howard, Esq.,) to make any new suggestions; who announce that, "after careful examination, it is their opinion that the existing plan is more efficient and generally satisfactory than any other which has yet been tried, or than any other which they are able to devise would probably be. They have, therefore, no alterations to propose; but, to carry out more effectually the existing organization of the Board, recommend that the State be divided into four Districts or Associations." The same Committee recommend "that the Board of Missions be the constituted agent, through which all the Missionary funds of the State shall be passed; it being clearly understood that all contributors shall have the power to direct in what manner their contributions shall be expended."

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meeting of the Board in February,

the important communication was made by the Rt. Rev. Bishop of the Diocese, that he could no longer recommend the Board to the sympathy and pecuniary support of the people and Parishes, even for the payment of the salaries of the present Missionaries, for the reason that his personal preference is now given to another and extra-Conventional Missionary Organization. This declaration places the Board in an anomalous position; for while our Bishop is the *ex officio* presiding officer, we fail to receive his sympathy and co-operation, and, if we lack these, we can hardly expect the benefit of his prayers.

Staggered, for a moment, by this unexpected announcement of our presiding officer, our prospects seemed discouraging; there being then a serious deficiency of funds. But God overruled it all, so that at our next meeting we were cheered with the enlarged and unusual liberality of the friends of the Board, who replenished the exhausted Treasury to the extent that we were able at once to meet all our own obligations, to relieve the indebtedness of the Eastern District Association, and have a handsome reserved fund besides, to meet in part or fully the payment of the ensuing quarter, and perhaps even more than this.

The sum total of the receipts in the several Associations and Central Board combined has been more than double that of the preceding year. Our stations are all doing admirably, and we feel more assured than ever of the efficiency of the present system, and of the good will of the members of our Diocese towards it, and renewedly invoke the favor of Him to whom all praise is due.

And to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost be ascribed the praise, henceforth and forever!

SAMUEL B. BABCOCK,

*Secretary of the Diocesan Board of Missions.*

*Report of the Eastern District Missionary Association.*

By the original action of the Convention which organized the Association, it was provided that they watch over and promote the Missionary spirit in their respective districts, and that they report in regard thereto. The same action of the Convention requires an Annual Report to the Board to be incorporated in the report of the Board to Convention. The Eastern District Missionary Association would therefore make its Annual Report to the Board, as follows :

This Association has endeavored to fulfil its duties as far as possible, under circumstances of discouragement, and weakened as it has been by the withdrawal of Brethren who have hitherto acted so cheerfully with us. During the year our meetings have been held regularly at the usual times, viz : six times in the year. And one special meeting has also been held.

The Association has had under its charge five stations at which it has sustained Missionaries, viz :—

Trinity, Melrose, Rev. J. B. Richmond ; St. John's, Framingham, Rev. R. F. Alsop ; Calvary, Danvers, Rev. R. F. Chase ; Epiphany, Brighton, Rev. D. G. Haskins ; St. John's, Gloucester, Rev. J. R. Peirce.

The work of all these stations is in a fine state of progress. At St. John's, Framingham, a church building is ready for consecration. At Brighton, another is nearly erected, and in Gloucester still another is determined on and site secured.

Besides these stations, the Association has under its care a mission at Beverly, and another at Ipswich. It has also adopted South Danvers, Winchester, and Chelmsford, as stations for future operations.

The Association has this year raised and expended, under its own direction, the sum of \$935.15.

Besides this sum, there has also been reported through its Treasurer to the Treasurer of the Board the sum of \$1285.65. The Association was also in debt \$140.46 at the beginning of year, making in all, the sum of \$2127.97. The Association voted to the Missionaries serving under its appointment,

the sum of \$1475.00, which has left a debt unprovided for of \$679.18. The Board has granted us \$450.00 to meet this debt. This Association, it will be seen, has therefore been doing a work far beyond its ability ; a work which, however, will be materially lightened in the future by the action of the Board in assuming the charge of three at least of its old stations.

The Missionary spirit is doubtless largely on the increase in our Parishes, and there is the promise of a much larger progress in the future than there has been the past year. It is to be hoped that hereafter this Association will enter heartily into the plans of the Board to secure that unity of action and harmony of sentiment so necessary at this crisis, if the Church is to maintain the stand which was taken in 1835, and press forward her Missionary operations under the control of her Conventions, both general and Diocesan.

Per order,

BENJ. B. BABBITT, *Sec'y.*

*Report of the Southern District Association.*

Within the year included between Easter, 1863, and Easter, 1864, the Southern District Association have made appropriations to the Parish of Christ Church, Plymouth, the Parish of Christ Church, Hyde Park, and the Parish of Christ Church, Swansea, and to the support of Missionary operations in Wrentham. At present they have only Hyde Park, and Wrentham in charge.

The amount of pledges is \$670. The amount raised I am unable to state. There are doubtless places within the district in which Missionary services might be begun ; but the exploring Committee have made no report.

Very truly yours, &c.,

A. H. WASHBURN.



*Report of the Western District Association.*

The W. D. M. A. has met twice since the last Diocesan Convention. It now embraces nine stations, with Clergymen resident in seven of them. Though the meetings have not been of the usual number, the interest seems to be sustained and earnest. The Sunday schools are assembled and addressed, and more of an extempore character given to the appeals; the formal Missionary sermon being done away with. We have also resolved to continue services in Williamstown, and to support a county Missionary for which each Rector gives one per cent. of his salary. There is at present \$21 to our credit in the Treasury.

Attest—

ROBERT WEEKS,  
for REV. JOHN T. HUNTINGTON.

Mr. James B. Dow, Treasurer of the Board of Missions, presented his account. (See Appendix.)

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Report of the Secretary of the Board of Missions be printed for the use of the Members of this Convention.

Dr. Geo. C. Shattuck, from the Committee on the Increase of the Episcopal Fund, presented the following report:

**Report of the Committee on the Increase of the Fund  
for the Support of the Bishop.**

The Committee appointed at the last Annual Convention on the Increase of the Fund for the Support of the Bishop, beg leave to Report,

That, after giving a good deal of attention to the subject, and



soliciting subscriptions from all parts of the Diocese, they do not find their calls responded to with that interest which the subject demands. The Committee are of opinion that very few in our Congregations are aware that the Bishop is supported principally by Trinity Church, Boston, or have considered that they expect an annual visit from the Diocesan without contributing to his support or to the expenses of his visit.

The Trustees of Donations have had for some time a Fund of \$16,736.50 from which there is an income of one thousand dollars a year. The Bishop has received three thousand dollars from Trinity Church, so that his present income is four thousand dollars. It is better for the Diocese that the Bishop should live in Boston, and this sum of four thousand is barely sufficient for his maintenance there, with the exercise of that hospitality which is always expected of him. An effort was made year before last to collect fifty thousand dollars to be added to the Fund, and five thousand six hundred dollars were the result. The present Committee has received and paid over to the Trustees the sum of nine thousand five hundred and eleven dollars and fifty-nine cents. Six hundred and four dollars and eighty-four cents of interest being added to those sums, the whole amount of the fund to-day is \$32,452 93. We want \$35,000 more to secure a Fund adequate to the Bishop's maintenance. \$2,850.00 have been subscribed conditionally that the Fund be brought up to fifty thousand dollars before the first of July, and we need \$34,550 to accomplish this object and secure that subscription.

The Committee have entertained the idea that it is the duty of every Episcopalian to contribute to the support of the Bishop according to his wants and each according to his own ability. If this were done, our Bishop would have an ample support and be freed from the necessity of devoting much of his time to his duties as Rector of a Parish. They have appealed to individuals as members of Parishes, and have endeavored to apportion to each Parish its share of the common duty. The expenses of this Convention are borne by the Parishes, and one per cent. of the salary of the Rector is required for this purpose, and six

hundred dollars are raised in this way. To provide three thousand dollars for the Bishop, an annual tax of five per cent. of the Rector's salary would be required. In the execution of this plan each Parish should be credited with the contributions it has already made, and should be informed how much more is wanted to make up the proposed amount. In consequence of Parishes being relieved for so many years from any contribution to the support of the Bishop, its importance and necessity are not now realized, and means must be taken to bring the matter before each Parish with an exhortation to a prompt response to the call. And we must remember that a sum of \$2,850.00 has been subscribed payable if the Fund on the first of July amounts to fifty thousand dollars.

The Committee propose two resolutions.

1st. *Resolved*, That the attention of the Rectors of all the Parishes in the Diocese be called to the Canon of 1844 respecting the collection in aid of the Episcopal Fund, and that any who have not made such a collection and are prevented from making it on Trinity Sunday be requested to have one taken up as soon after as may be practicable.

2d. *Resolved*, That this matter of the increase of the Episcopal Fund be referred to a Committee of three to be appointed by the Chair, with instructions to persevere in appeals and all measures for the increase of the Funds, and to report to the next Convention the amounts contributed by every Parish and the sum still required from each Parish to make up a sufficient income for the support of the Bishop.

Respectfully submitted,

B. T. READ, *Chairman*.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the first Resolution recommended in the above Report be adopted.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the second resolution recommended in the Report be adopted.

The Rev. Geo. Packard, from the Committee on unfinished business, made the following Report:

The Committee on Unfinished Business report:

That proposals for altering the 3d and 4th Articles of the Constitution were accepted by the last Convention for consideration—that those proposals have been referred by the present Convention to the Committee on Constitution and Canons, and that they find no other unfinished business upon which this Convention is called upon to act.

GEORGE PACKARD, *Chairman*.

The hour having arrived for the Election of the Officers of the Diocese, it was,

On motion,

*Resolved*, That in the Election of a Registrar, balloting be dispensed with.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Rev. Geo. M. Randall, D.D., ~~the~~ former Registrar, be re-elected.

The Chair appointed the Rev. G. S. Converse, and ~~the~~ Rev. W. H. Brooks, D.D., tellers to collect and count ~~the~~ votes for a Standing Committee.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That in the election of a Board of ~~Mission~~ to Seamen, balloting be dispensed with.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the following persons form the Board of Missions to Seamen:

The Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D.D.,

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| The Rev. George D. Wildes, | Richard Girdler, |
| “ Wm. R. Nicholson, D.D.,  | E. P. Tileston,  |
| Stephen G. Deblois,        | Chas. H. Parker, |
| Russell Sturgis, Jr.,      | James S. Amory,  |
| George A. Brown.           |                  |

On motion,

*Resolved*, That in the election of a Committee on Hospitality, balloting be dispensed with.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Hospitality, of last year, be re-elected.

The Rev. John T. Burrill, from the Executive Committee, made the following Report :

The Executive Committee recommend that the third Wednesday of May, 1865, be the time, and Trinity Church, Boston, the place, for the meeting of the next Convention, and that the preacher be the Rev. George S. Converse, and that the Rev. George D. Wildes be the substitute.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. BURRILL,  
WM. HENRY BROOKS,  
JAMES S. AMORY.

The Rev. E. M. P. Wells, D.D., from the Margaret Coffin Prayer Book Society, made the following Report :

### **Report of the Margaret Coffin Prayer Book Society.**

We have experienced a great loss, the past year, in the death of our clerk, Henry M. Parker, Esq. We are much indebted to him for his efforts, in the incorporation, the organizing and the business transactions of the Society.

The whole number of Prayer Books distributed the past

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1862—1,307 of the full Prayer Book, and 3,855 of the smaller Prayer Book.

The following sums have been paid into the Treasury for purchasing and distributing Prayer Books:

Miss A. M. Loring, \$5,00; Mrs. Cleveland, \$2,00; Mrs. Williams, \$2,00; Mrs. Perkins, \$2,00; Mrs. Shaw, \$2,00; Mrs. Hayward, \$1,00; Miss Cleveland, \$1,00; Miss Burroughs, \$1,00; Miss S. Burroughs, \$1,00; Mrs. Bacon, \$1,00; Miss Adams, \$1,00; Miss Callahan, \$1,00; Miss Foote, \$1,00; Mrs. Foster, \$1,00; Mrs. Robbins, \$1,00; Mrs. Schier, \$2,00; Mrs. Raymond, \$1,00; Miss Wells, \$1,00; Mrs. Wainwright, \$1,00; Mrs. Gardner, \$2,00; Miss Robbins, \$5,00; Miss Adams, \$5,00; Miss Gardiner, \$1,00; Rev. Edward A. Renouf, \$2,00; J. Barnett, \$1,00; Mrs. S. T. Williams, \$1,00; Rev. Mr. Conway, \$2,00; From two boys, 50c; Rev. Mr. Douglass, \$1,00; Mrs. Thos. Fales, \$3,00; Mrs. Erving, \$2,00; Mrs. A. A. Rice, \$1,00; Miss Baur, \$1,00; E. N. Perkins, \$25,00; Mrs. Robbins, \$25,00; Miss Charlotte L. Wells, \$10,00; Miss A. Batchelder, \$1,50; S. Batchelder, \$1,00; Miss M. M. Batchelder, \$1,00; Rev. Edward A. Renouf, \$5,00; Mrs. S. T. Williams, \$2,00; C. F. Shimmin, \$1,00; Grace Church, \$20,00; Emmanuel Church, \$35,93; Grace Church, New Bedford, \$1,00; St. James's Sunday School, \$28,32; Rev. Mr. Coit, St. Paul's School, \$5,00; St. Mark's, Southboro', \$5,00; St. John's, Framingham, \$7,15; St. Matthew's, South Boston, \$9,00; Young Men's Christian Association, \$50,00; St. Mary's, Dorchester, \$30,00; Parish of Advent, \$3,35; Rev. G. H. McLaughlin, Springfield, \$15,00; Church of the Redeemer, Holliston, \$12,00; St. Thomas's, Somerville, \$1,50; Dr. Shattuck, \$20,00; Henry M. Parker, \$5,00; Rev. Mr. Babcock, South Plain, \$20,00; New York Bible and Prayer Book Society, \$138,00; Interest from Provident Institution, \$40,00; Balance from last year, \$96,73; Total, \$763,98.

Could we have witnessed the distribution of the Prayer Books to the army and navy, I think, from the accounts I have received, we should have been far more than paid for the very little we were doing in this sacred work. This was especially true of



some foreigners, who, having been long from home, had been long without any religious advantages. This was very affectingly true with some rebel soldiers who had enlisted in our army and navy. They said they had been long without the sight or sound of any thing of dear, good Church. They clasped the books to their bosoms with strong feeling. It reminded them not only of God and Church, but of father and mother, of home; yes, even of *home*, for once there were homes, sweet, happy homes, at the South.

We have, during the year, bought a valuable set of plates, and obtained the means of paying for them. We have also printed from them an edition of one thousand. Specimens of these are herewith presented. These are not paid for, and measures ought immediately to be taken to pay for them. The amount required will be from \$430 to \$450. I have also been obliged to advance, for the Society, \$114, to supply the necessary demands for Prayer Books.

I wish to acknowledge our obligations to Adams' Express Co., for their offering to carry our Prayer Books to the army free of expense, which they have done very promptly and frequently.

The consecutive Prayer Books have been sought after, by those unused to the service.

All which is respectfully submitted,

E. M. P. WELLS.

The Rev. Theodore Edson, D.D., from the Finance Committee, made the following Report:

### **Report of the Finance Committee.**

We certify that we have examined the vouchers of the payments charged in Treasurer's Account, and find the same correct and the Account correctly cast, and recommend that the Treasurer of this Convention be authorized to pay the traveling expenses of such Clerical members as may make application therefor.

THEODORE EDSON,  
CHARLES HENRY PARKER.

*Convention*

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enced the following, as the Committee  
the Episcopal Fund :  
M. D., J. P. Ellicott, Russel Sturgis,

this Convention now take a recess for  
bearing an address from the Rev. Dr. Howe,  
Pennsylvania, on the subject of Foreign

Howe then addressed the Convention at

some length, and with much eloquence on the subject of the Foreign Missions of the P. E. Church.

On the re-assembling of the Convention, the Rev. W. H. Brooks, D.D., from the tellers appointed to collect and count the votes for a Standing Committee, reported that the Convention had made choice of the following gentlemen to compose that Body :

*Clergy.*

*Laity.*

The Rev. Geo. M. Randall, D.D., Robt. C. Winthrop,  
“ F. D. Huntington, D.D., Geo. C. Shattuck, M. D.,  
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and that there is one Clerical vacancy.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That in the election of a Clerical Member of the Standing Committee, balloting be dispensed with.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Rev. Thos. R. Lambert, D.D., having the highest number, be declared elected.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the Rev. Dr. Howe, for his eloquent and able address, and that its members will endeavor to profit by his council.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the following be adopted as the 8th topic in the order of business for the second day of the session :

## SECOND DAY OF CONVENTION.

VIII. At 5 o'clock, P. M., the Convention shall be resolved into a Committee of the whole, on the state of



the Church, to hear Missionary and other addresses on topics pertaining thereto, from members and others present at the session of the Convention.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That in view of the fact that some of the Clergy of this Diocese have been drafted into the military service of the United States, and the exigencies of the time seeming further to promise that there will be in future many more of our brethren placed in a similar position, therefore this Convention recommend that the Bishop and Standing Committee of the Diocese take some measures for providing a Fund for the relief of the drafted Clergy of the Diocese.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Converse,

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Rectors of Parishes to enforce the observance of the 1st Section of Canon 12, Title II. of the Digest.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the foregoing Resolution, together with the Section of the Canon referred to, be printed upon the cover of the Journal.

Title II. Canon 12, Section 1.

A communicant removing from one Parish to another, shall procure from the Rector (if any) of the Parish of his last residence, or, if there be no Rector, from one of the Wardens, a certificate stating that he or she is a communicant in good standing; and the Rector of the Parish or Congregation to which he or she removes shall not be required to receive him or her as a communicant until such letter be produced.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of this Convention be instructed, in the publication of the Annual Report of the Treasurer of the Society for the relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen,—to omit the names of persons in that account who have received aid from the Charity Fund.

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer of the Society for the relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen be requested to furnish hereafter to the Convention for publication in the Journal,—an abstract of his Annual Report to the Society showing the monies received during that year,—the sources from which they have been derived,—and how invested,—together with a general statement of the amounts paid in charity and for annuities,—together with a statement of the amount of the annuity and charity fund,—and cash in hand.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the appendix to the printed sermon of the Rev. Dr. Huntington, in behalf of the Widows' and Orphans' Society, be inserted by the Secretary in the appendix to the Journal of the Convention.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That this Convention now adjourn, to meet again at 4 o'clock, P. M.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That two members be added to the Committee on the Increase of the Episcopal Fund.

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topics pertaining to ~~the~~ conditional members.  
at the session of ~~the~~ S. Amory, Esq., to ex-

**On motion.**

*Resolved, That* \_\_\_\_\_ part of this Report, to state our  
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moment, by this unexpected announcement, our prospects seemed discouraging on account of a serious deficiency of funds. But owing to the extraordinary and unusual liberality of the donors, who replenished the exhausted Treasury, that we were able at once to meet all our obligations, to relieve the indebtedness of the Eastern churches, and have a handsome reserved fund for the purpose of making in part or fully the payment of the ensuing year's expenses even more than this."

was debated at considerable length, and

the Report of the Board of Missions be  
the Board.

The Rev. Geo. D. Wildes offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, since the last Annual Convention, it has pleased Divine Providence to remove from their earthly labors the Rev. W. Horton, D.D., the Rev. Benjamin Hale, D.D., and the Rev. T. B. Flower, Clergymen of the Church in this Diocese, therefore

*Resolved*, That this Convention adopt as their own, the language of the Bishop of the Diocese in his recent tribute to the memory of these deceased and beloved Clergymen ; and that while we bless God's Holy name for these His servants departed this life in His faith and fear, we pray Him to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of His heavenly kingdom.

*Resolved*, That these Resolutions be entered upon the records, and that the Secretary transmit copies of them to the families of the deceased.

Which were, on motion, unanimously adopted.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Edson,

*Resolved*, That whereas an Office of Institution of Ministers into Parishes or Churches is prescribed by the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and established in General Convention by the Bishops, Clergy and Laity ; which Office is intended as well for the solemn recognition of the duties and functions of Ministers, as for securing by public and united prayer the Divine blessing upon them and the people committed to their charge ; and whereas the said Office of Institution was used in this Diocese, from the time of its appointment, during the long Pastorate of the late Bishop Griswold, and under the present Bishop, till within the last four or five years ; and whereas, by the Constitution of the Church in this Diocese, the right to vote in this Convention is dependent, in certain cases, upon the performance of that Office, it is desirable that its use should be restored.

*Resolved*, That a Committee of three be chosen by the Convention, to wait upon the Bishop, and respectfully and earnestly

*Business of the Convention*

Resolved, That the Office of Minister shall be performed in person the Office of Minister shall be desired by Clergymen and some Presbyter to perform it in his various of that Office.

Resolved, That the Committee be instructed to request the Holy Sacrament of the Lord's Supper of the Consecration of any Church, and be asked for by the Rector or Wardens consecrated, according to the provisions of the Constitution.

Resolved, That the Committee request the Bishop to give the Office of Confirmation to such sick or infirm who desire to receive it, when compatible with the usage in other Dioceses and in accordance with the usage in other Dioceses and in this Diocese in former years.

Resolved, That the subject be indefinitely postponed.

Resolved, That the Convention now adjourn, to meet at 9 o'clock, A. M., on the morning of the 21st inst.

*Trinity Church, Friday, May 20,  
9 o'clock, A. M.*

Resolved, That the Convention meet pursuant to adjournment.  
The Minutes of the last session were read by the Rev. J. S. Copley, Minister of Trinity Church, Newton Corner.  
The Minutes of the last session were read, amended and approved.

Resolved, That the calling of the roll be omitted.

The Rev. Samuel B. Babcock, Secretary of the Board of Missions, reported that the Board had modified their Report presented to the Convention, as follows :

They have stricken out the word "now," in the sentence, "His personal preference is now given to another and Extra-Conventional Missionary Organization ;" together with the following sentence :—" This declaration places the Board in an anomalous position ; for while our Bishop is the *ex officio* presiding officer, we fail to receive his sympathy and co-operation, and, if we lack these, we can hardly expect the benefit of his prayers." They have modified the next paragraph so as to read, "our prospects then seemed discouraging ; there being then a serious deficiency of funds. But at our next meeting we were cheered with the enlarged and unusual liberality of the friends of the Board," &c.

They have also stricken out several paragraphs on the 12th and 13th pages of the printed Report, beginning with the words "and these results," &c., and ending with the words "the unanimous voice of the Convention.\*"

The Rev. Samuel B. Babcock asked leave to be excused from further attendance at the Convention, which request was,

On motion, granted.

James B. Dow, Esq., having renewed the motion made yesterday, P. M., by Mr. Amory (see page 60), considerable debate followed ; at length, it was

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Report of the Board of Missions be recommitted to the Board.

R. H. Dana, Jr., Esq., offered the following Canon :

The members of the Standing Committee shall hold office for three years, being so arranged in classes, that one clerical and one lay vacancy shall occur each year.

\* The passages stricken out begin at the 10th line of page 43, and run to the 32d line of page 44 of this Journal. J. H. C.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That this subject be referred to the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the several Parishes of this Diocese be requested to make a collection in behalf of the Society for the relief of WIDOWS and ORPHANS of deceased clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, at some period during the next LENTEN SEASON; and that the amount so collected shall be applied, as far as may be, to constitute the Pastor of the Church, for the time being, a member of the Society.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That 1000 copies of the Journal be printed under the direction of the Secretary.

The Rev. Dr. Huntington, from the Board of Missions, reported that they had amended the Report by adding the words "whatever his private opinions or his action among the friends of the Board," before the words "even for the payment of the salaries," &c., and by adding the words "through the providence of God," before the words "cheered with the enlarged and unusual liberality," &c.\*

\* The passage in the Report, after all the amendments and verbal alterations made by the Committee, reads as follows: — "It becomes our duty, as part of this Report, to state our regret that, at the regular meeting of the Board in February, the important communication was made by the Rt. Rev. Bishop of the Diocese, that he could no longer recommend the Board to the sympathy and pecuniary support of the people and Parishes, whatever his private opinions, or his action among the friends of the Board, even for the payment of the salaries of the present missionaries, for the reason that his personal preference is given to another and extra-Conventional Missionary organization.

"Our prospects then seemed discouraging, there being a serious deficiency of funds, but at our next meeting we were, through the Providence of God, cheered with the enlarged and unusual liberality of the friends of the Board," &c.

motion,

*Resolved*, That after the reading of the minutes and the devotional services, the Convention adjourn.

minutes were then read, amended and approved.

Convention then united in singing the 15th Hymn, the *Gloria Patri*, and after prayer and benediction Bishop, the Convention adjourned, *sine die*.

Attest :

JOSEPH H. CLINCH, *Secretary*.

GEORGE BROWN, *Assistant Sec'y*.



## APPENDIX.

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### PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

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#### *Suffolk County.*

##### *Trinity Church, Boston.*

THE BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE, Rector.

Baptisms, (adults 1, infants 10) 11. Marriages, 9. Burials, 16. Confirmed, 8. Communicants, 360. Sunday Scholars, 100. Teachers, 14.

The contributions during the past year have been as follows : Communion Offerings, \$914,70 ; Diocesan Missions, \$717,35 ; American Church Missionary Society, (Foreign Missions, \$385, Domestic \$369,75) \$754,75 ; City Missions, \$470 ; For Church building, \$1184,15 ; Theological Education, \$363 ; American Bible Society, \$508 ; Collected at the Price Lectures, \$128,28 ; Diocesan Seamen's Mission, \$908,15 ; Church Home for Orphan and Destitute Children, \$345 ; Trinity Church Charitable Society for Clothing the Poor, \$339,55 ; For Trinity Church Sunday School, \$614,21 ; Sanitary Commission, \$700 ; Christian Commission, \$515,98 ; For the sufferers in E. Tennessee, \$1735 ; Griswold College, \$10 ; In aid of the Free Colored People, \$325 ; Boston Young Men's Christian Association, \$100 ; Theological Library, \$70 ; Offertory Collection at Convention, for Widows and Orphans of Clergymen, \$68 ; For the Episcopal Fune, \$4650 ; For other objects, \$19,50. Total, \$15,440,62.

*Christ Church, Boston.*

THE REV. J. T. BURRILL, Rector.

isms (infants 33, adults 4,) 37. Confirmed 7. Communicants added, 35; died or removed, 21; present number, 85; marriages, 29; Burials, 21; Sunday School Scholars, 90; members, 11; Contribution to Foreign Missions, \$10; Mass. Missionary Society, \$11; Christian Commission, \$4; Sunday School, \$31.55; Communion Offerings, \$63.24; Other contributions for the poor, \$51; Total, \$170.79.

*St. Paul's Boston.*

THE REV. W. R. NICHOLSON, D.D., Rector.


isms, (infants, 15.) Confirmed, 6. Communicants about Marriages, 8. Burials, 7.  
 Contributions: Communion Alms, \$863.49; Diocesan Missions, \$2641.77; Domestic Missions, \$665.00; Foreign Missions, \$1290; For the Church in Paris, \$635.00; Church Home, Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, \$100; For Preachers in East Tennessee, \$50; Education for the Ministry, \$100; Society for the Industrious Poor, \$435.57; For the Christian Commission, \$1147.81; For Parish Sunday School, \$5; For Bible Society, \$440; For various other objects, \$80; For Episcopal Fund, \$1350. Total, \$11238.99.  
 This sum the Sunday School raised for Foreign Missions, and the Ladies' Miss. Society raised \$798.79.

*Grace Church, Boston.*

isms, (infants 14, adults 3,) 17. Communicants present October, 1864, one year from the re-opening of the church,

over 200 ; average attendance about 100. Confirmed, 33 ; Marriages, 4 ; Burials, 17 ; Sunday School, Superintendent, 1 ; Librarians, 2 ; Teachers, 28 ; Scholars, 192 ; average attendance about 180. Contributions: Communion Offerings, and amounts handed the Pastor for the poor, \$469.10 ; Foreign Missions, \$234.63 ; Sunday School Collections for African Mission, \$36.63 ; For Bishop Whipple's mission, \$45 ; Diocesan Missions, \$49.20 ; Episcopal Fund, \$215 34 ; Bible Society, \$48.75 ; Christian and Sanitary Commissions, \$62.50 ; Christmas Tree, \$80 ; Sunday School and Library, \$67.92 ; Festival for all the Church Sunday Schools in the city and vicinity, under the auspices of the Church Union, \$12 ; Various other purposes, \$50. Amount received through the Offertory, in which over 12,000 pieces of currency were taken, \$2871.09 ; otherwise contributed, \$1898.17. Total, \$4769.26. Of this sum \$2800 was previously guaranteed. Expended for the poor of the Church, \$469.10 ; For Parish purposes, \$3169.21 ; For objects outside of the Parish, \$754 05. Balance in the Treasury for the continued support of the Free Worship of the Church, \$377.70.

The engagement of the Rev. S. H. Hilliard for one year, terminated on the Sunday after Easter, and that of the Rev. G. L. Locke, as assistant minister, from October 1, 1863, at Easter. The experiment of the Church as a Free Church, has proved a success. The congregations have been much larger than for several years previous, and the Sunday School has likewise been largely increased in numbers. Divine services have been held on Sundays and on every day in which a special service is provided in the Prayer Book. A Service and Lecture has been held on Tuesday evening of each week in the Lecture-Room. During Lent, services have been held three times a week, and during Passion Week every evening. The minister, choir and congregation have met on Saturday evenings for practising for the singing of the following day. A band of co-workers has been organized by the Pastor, imbued with his own earnest enthusiasm, and has been very efficient in the various departments of Church-work. A Sewing School has been



held weekly. The ladies have met weekly to cut out garments, which have been made by worthy women, who have regularly received a stated sum thereby. The ladies have also met to make garments to be given to the needy Sunday School children; over three hundred garments have been given out, besides shoes and stockings. A regular Visiting and Canvassing Committee has been instituted. Mothers' Meetings have been held, and an Evening School established, under the care of the Rev. Mr. Locke, whose services have been highly valued. Two Bible Classes have been connected with the Sunday School, and two classes for confirmation have been formed and brought forward for confirmation. The children have been catechised in the church once a month, and every Sunday afternoon, before the service, they have met for singing with the minister. Two festivals have been held for the children, the Christmas Tree and Easter Festival, which have been very successful and gratifying.

A service for deaf-mutes has been held on one Sunday in every month, during the last year, conducted by the Rev. Dr. Gallaudet, of New York, or his assistants, and there have been services in the Church on several Sunday evenings, with preaching by the Pastor, or by clergymen of the city or vicinity, making, in certain instances, four services in the Church on Sundays. It is worthy of record that the spirit and endeavors of this parish have been roused beyond their experience of years past, and it is hoped they have increased in inward spiritual grace also.

Of course, since there has been no regular Pastor, the attendance has decreased, and there has not been so much interest manifested, but it is hoped that the mantle of our young and energetic pastor will fall upon some one who will carry forward the noble work of the Free Church.

This Report would be incomplete without stating that the Rev. Mr. Hilliard, at the close of his labors, was made the recipient of a testimonial on the part of his friends, consisting of a purse containing \$250, accompanied by a letter from the gentlemen of the parish, expressing sincere regret at the separation which had taken place; approval of his desire in establish-

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ing a Free Church, of making a "praying, praising, working church,"—a social, living church, in which Christian fellowship and sympathy should abound, and warm assurances of their ever watchful interest in his progress; their prayers for his successful labors; their confidence and joy in his advancement, and from the ladies of the Parish of two beautiful works of art as a remembrance. The ladies concluded their letter as follows:—  
"While we deeply regret the occasion of your departure, we rejoice that your year's labor with us was not in vain. We congratulate you upon the success of an enterprise which few young men could have undertaken, a success which, under God's blessing, is due to your unwearied toil as our Pastor, to your buoyant spirits, your generous enthusiasm. It was your duty to reorganize a scattered parish; to gather rich and poor into a common fold; to inaugurate that Free Church system which offers to all alike the privileges of the Gospel. It was for you to commence, not to complete; to mark out a new path, not to follow where others had led. The past year will ever be memorable in the history of this parish. You found a church without a congregation; you leave a congregation large and vigorous, which, growing up under your care, has always been zealous in missionary labor. If our Free Church enterprise continues successful, you will justly be regarded as its founder; if it fails, the reason will not be that sufficient fruits were wanting during the first year of its establishment. Wherever you go, be assured you carry with you our heartfelt thanks, and our sincere wishes for your future welfare and happiness, and we join you in prayers for the success of the missionary work of the Church, and the speedy approach of that glorious day when the kingdom of the world shall become the kingdom of the Lord."

The sum thus contributed, \$300, when added to the sum total of contributions within and without the parish already stated, makes the whole amount of money raised, during the conventional year, \$5069.26.

CHAS. H. FROTHINGHAM,

*Senior Warden.*



*Church of the Messiah, Boston.*

THE REV. GEO. M. RANDALL, D.D., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 14, adults 7.) Total, 21. Confirmed, 15. Communicants: added, 72; died or removed, 38; present number, 357. Burials, 36. Marriages, 15. Sunday Schools: Scholars, 206; Superintendent, Teachers and Librarians, 29. Total, 235. Contributions: Communion Alms, \$346.15; Sunday School, \$200; Monthly Offerings, \$100; Visitor of the Poor, \$29; Missions in Mass., \$33.26; Easter Collection, \$267.18. Other Contributions, \$5000. Total, \$5975.59.

During the last year, the entire indebtedness of the church has been paid. The congregation has largely increased; the prospects of the Parish were never so promising; the monthly missionary collections, which were suspended for a year, have now been resumed.

On the second Sunday in May, I completed the second decade of my Rectorship. During these twenty years a substantial church and chapel have been built and paid for. Nine hundred and twenty-two have been added to the communion. Five hundred and forty-five have been baptized, of which number seventy-three were adults. Three hundred and seventeen have been confirmed. I have attended three hundred and forty-two funerals and have solemnized two hundred and forty-nine marriages.

The contributions, during this period, exclusive of all income from pew-rents, &c., have been \$25,919. During the first decade, the contributions were \$5800; for the last ten years, they have been \$20,119, being an average of more than \$2000 a year. No year of the twenty have the contributions been so large during the year just closed.

Surely if ever a people has good reason to raise a monumental 'BENEZER,' this parish is that people.

*Church of the Advent, Boston.*

THE REV. JAMES A. BOLLES, D.D., Rector.

THE REV. M. P. STICKNEY, A. M., Assistant.

Baptisms, (infants 36, adults 17.) Total, 53. Confirmed, 82. Communicants: added, 40; removed, 10. Total, 526. Marriages, 21. Burials, 48. About 200 children under catechetical instruction. Church open for public worship three times every Sunday and twice every day. The Holy Communion administered on all Sundays and Holy days. The Parish has raised, during the past year, by the Offertory, the Alms Chest, and subscription, \$24,047.83. Of this sum \$17,755.75 have been expended for purposes of the Parish, and the balance, \$6,292.08, have been given to Church objects outside of the Parish.

Our new place of worship on Bowdoin Street, is a vast improvement upon the old one, and the house is well filled.

*St. Mark's Church, Boston.*

THE REV. C. F. KNIGHT, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 16, adults 4,) 20. Confirmed, 10. Communicants, 291. Marriages, 7. Burials, 12. Contributions: For the Poor, \$474.78. Given in the Sunday School, \$118.34. For the Sunday School, \$21.56. Other religious purposes within the Parish, and for the payment of a Parish debt, \$3107.70. Without the Parish, \$89.81. Total, \$3812.19. Sunday scholars, 140. Teachers, 17.

*Emmanuel Church, Boston.*

THE REV. F. D. HUNTINGTON, D.D., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 45, adults 11,) 56. Confirmed, 28. Burials, 22. Marriages, 18. Communicants, about 350. Sunday scholars, 140 in the Parish School, and 200 in the Mission. Communion Offerings, \$1285.60. For Missionary and various charitable objects, including Domestic, Foreign, and Diocesan Missions, Bible-distribution, Church-education, Society for Relief of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, and Society for Relief of Aged and Indigent Clergymen, \$6025.92. Total, \$7811.52.

A chapel, in connection with the principal church-edifice, has been built and opened for services. The Mission and Sunday School in the Ninth Ward have been conducted in a suitable hall on Washington Street. The Rev. George Denham has assisted considerably in this work, with a large number of laymen and women. Religious services are held there twice in the week, and several departments of Parish-charity hold weekly meetings in the same place. Good fruits of the Mission appear at our Confirmation, at Baptisms, on Sundays, and in the homes and daily lives of the people ministered to. An auxiliary to the "Church-Union" has been formed in the Parish.

*Free Church of St. Mary for Sailors.*

*Richmond Street, Boston.*

THE REV. J. P. ROBINSON, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 23, adults 9,) 32. Confirmed, 14. Marriages, 10. Burials, 15. Communicants, 108.

Never perhaps, since this Mission entered upon its important work, has there been greater cause for devout thankfulness and humble gratitude to the "Giver of every good and perfect gift," than at the present time.



Notwithstanding the trials and troubles incident to a grievous and civil war,—a war unprecedented in the history of the civilized world, and now protracted to its fourth year,—notwithstanding the constant and daily increasing demands of a pecuniary character, growing therefrom, and the rapid rise in all the necessities of life, not only has there been no diminution in the interest or charities of the friends of St. Mary's, but it may with truth be said, never was its condition more prosperous, its prospects more encouraging. Willing hearts and hands have not been wanting to encourage and aid the Rector in his labors for the temporal and spiritual welfare and improvement of this large and important class of our community, and abundant evidence is not lacking to prove that those labors have not been unsuccessful or unblessed.

The last few years have witnessed a marked and important change in the condition of Seamen, and nowhere is this more perceptible than in our very midst.

Much, however, as has been accomplished, it is but a small part of the work, and there is still the call for renewed prayers and redoubled zeal and diligence.

The attendance upon the services of the Church has at no previous time been better or more uniform, both on the part of sailors and those connected with them by the ties of relationship or affection.

The Christian good will of the community has of late been most encouragingly directed towards this branch of our divine Master's work, so that with many, not only of our own Church, but of all denominations, it has become a systematic and favored charity. The improved condition of Seamen, which must be apparent to all who have given even but a passing notice to the subject, and the constantly increasing interest in their temporal and spiritual welfare, are surely good omens and encourage us confidently to look for still better things for the time to come.

#### SUNDAY SERVICE.

Morning Prayer and Sermon, at 10½ A.M. Evening Prayer and Sermon at 7½ P. M., and Evening Prayer and Lecture on Friday evening.

**Sunday School** — two Sessions — beginning at 9 A.M. and 2 P.M.

In the attendance upon the Service of the Church there has been a decided and marked improvement. The number of Seamen present has not of late been so great as in former years, in consequence of the prostration of our commerce — there being fewer seamen in our port than when commerce was in full prosperity. But as regards the families of seamen and others in the portion of the city where the church is situated, there has been a most encouraging improvement.

The practice of distributing books and papers at the close of the evening's service, has been continued without intermission since the commencement of the Mission, and the avidity and interest with which the sailors surround the chancel rail and ask for Bible and Prayer Book, cannot fail to awaken hopes of the deepest interest. Instances without number could be mentioned, which have come within the knowledge of the Rector, of the immense value these books have been to men who, the greater part of the year, are out of the reach of all other religious influences.

What has been said of the prosperous condition of the Parish, may be affirmed without limitation of the Sunday School. The constantly increasing number of the scholars, their punctual and regular attendance, and the interest manifested by them in the efforts made for their instruction and improvement, are most encouraging tokens of the divine blessing upon this portion of our work. No better evidence of this can be afforded than the fact, that though quite a large class was presented for the rite of confirmation in December last, there are nearly if not quite as many more, now waiting for the presence of the Bishop to consecrate themselves to the Redeemer's service.

*Book Distribution.*—The following table will show the number of Bibles, Testaments, Prayer Books and other books given to Seamen: — Bibles: English, 325; German, 5; Danish, 10; Swedish, 7; Spanish, 2; Portuguese, 18; Italian, 2; French, 4. Total, 373. English Testaments, 400; German, 8; Danish, 25; Swedish, 22; Spanish, 6; Portuguese, 35; Welsh, 15; Dutch, 3. Total, 514.

*Book of Common Prayer*, 450:—German, 10; French, 5; Portuguese, 6; Church of England, 55. Total, 526. Other books for Seamen, 380. Tracts in various languages and papers without count.

The contributions received through the Post Office or sent to my residence have been appropriated as directed.

Total amount, \$1,142 95; Annual subscriptions, \$900; Offertery at Church, \$182; Offerings of Rector, \$150; Total, \$2374.95.

*Clothing and other help for Seamen and their Families.*—The Sailors' Aid Society has been the means of relieving the wants and adding to the comfort of many worthy but suffering families. This society was organized in 1860. It is composed of ladies from the different Churches of Boston and vicinity, and its object is two-fold. To supply clothing to needy sailors, and to relieve destitute families, by furnishing them with material to make into garments at a liberal price.

One hundred and seventy-five garments, of good flannel, and well made, have been received from the Ladies the past winter. Woolen socks, and a large number of articles of second-hand clothing, also food and fuel, as far as our means would admit, have been furnished to numerous families.

Miss Elton's services have been truly valuable among the poor, the unfortunate, the sick, and the dying.

In closing this brief statement of work for the past year, the Rector most confidently renews his appeal to his brethren of the Clergy and Laity for the continuance of that sympathy and support, which has enabled him for so many years, to persevere in this most interesting work.

Especially at this present time, when the sailor has done so much for the glory and honor of our beloved country, to which no true patriot can be insensible, every one should be eager to make a due acknowledgment in providing for his temporal wants and spiritual good, in administering to the sick and shipwrecked, and in their care for the families of the absent sailor, to whom so much of the labor of the Mission is devoted.

St. Mary's is a Free Episcopal Church for Seamen in the port

of Boston. It is free for everybody, and has no income from pew-rent. It depends for its support, and for its ability to carry on and enlarge its operations, on the free-will offering of its friends.

Contributions can be forwarded by mail or otherwise to the Rector, and which he will duly acknowledge.

No. 67 Bedford Street, Boston. April, 1864.

*St. Stephen's Chapel, Boston.*

THE REV. E. M. P. WELLS, D.D., Missionary.

THE REV. JOHN L. WATSON, D.D., Assistant.

Baptisms, 55. Confirmed, 17. Communicants:—number constantly varying—those entitled to receive the Communion in the congregation, about 300; Marriages, 38; Burials, 39; Public Services in the Church, 753; Sermons and Addresses in the Church, 177; Catechizing “openly in the Church,” 12 times. Holy Communion administered 23 times; Missionary and other donations by the Congregation, \$1146.68; Sunday School, largest attendance of Teachers and Scholars, 201; smallest, 151; average attendance, 170.

Voluntary donations have been sent in, for the relief of the Poor, to the amount of \$5,140.87. After deducting from this sum \$548 for Burials, Movings, Sundries, Printing, Sunday-School Books, and for sums appropriated by the donors, the remaining \$4,592.87 have furnished for the poor the following: 35,229 meals, 6,534 lodgings, 966 loaves given to families, 1,018 parcels of tea and sugar given to families, 325 parcels of flour and meal, 1,306 pairs of shoes, stockings, trowsers, jackets, shirts, flannels, &c., 136 second-hand garments, 71 large bed-comforters and blankets, 366 weeks' rent, 293 weeks' nursing and special cases of relief in sickness, 194 parcels of fuel, 701 days' work and jobs done by the poor and for the poor, and well paid for; 2,066 articles made by the poor, and for the poor, and well paid for.

*St. Matthew's Church, South Boston.*

THE REV. J. I. T. COOLIDGE, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 52, adults 1,) 53. Communicants: added, 29; Died or removed, 22; Present number, 167. Confirmed, 5; Marriages, 18; Burials, 31; Sunday School Scholars, 200. Missionary Contributions: Foreign, \$25; Domestic, \$123; Diocesan, \$35; Contributions within the Parish, \$1046.11; without the Parish, \$242.59; Total for all purposes, \$1288.70. The Rector is happy to report that, by the exertions of the Parish and the generous assistance of its friends, the debt on the church is very materially reduced, and will soon, it is hoped, be entirely removed.

*St. John's Church, East Boston.*

THE REV. HENRY M'CLORY, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 32, adults 4.) 36. Communicants: Present number about 150; Confirmed, 10; Marriages, 10; Burials, 12; Sunday School Scholars about 150. For Missionary and Parochial purposes,—total amount contributed, \$850.

This parish is considered to be in a prosperous condition.

*Diocesan Mission to Seamen.*

Chapel 291 Commercial Street, Boston.

At the close of another year of labor, prayer and watchfulness, our first thoughts are due to the Author of all good for his continued mercies and his blessing on our work. Though we cannot speak of great results, we still record with thankfulness that our labor in the Lord has not been in vain, and that we have accomplished something towards the salvation of "those that go down to the sea in ships."

In most respects our labors during the past year correspond very nearly to those of previous years. The services in our chapel have been regularly held, both morning and evening, on each Sunday, without a single omission during the year; and also a prayer-meeting on every Tuesday evening. The attendance has probably been as good as could be expected under the circumstances, and there have often been indications of the Divine presence and blessings on our ministrations, both on the Sabbath and at the social meetings for prayer. Of those who have been brought under the enlightening and saving effects of the Gospel, some have left the city, and others, who have wished to make a public profession of their faith, have preferred to receive confirmation at Christ Church. In the last two years there have been at each of our confirmations some who are connected with our chapel, and who receive the Holy Communion there. The number of communicants during the year has been from sixteen to twenty-five.

The distribution of Bibles, Tracts and other religious reading, has been much as in former years. Hundreds of Bibles and Testaments have been given to sailors who have visited our chapel, with several thousand pages of Tracts, and other religious reading. We have also been well supplied with comfortable clothing for the shipwrecked and needy, and never allow one to be turned empty away. The great number of seamen absorbed by the Navy, and also the Army, has lessened the demands upon us for assistance, and we have turned our attention, more than formerly, to the *families* of seamen residing among us, many of which attend our services. Thus we continue to "cast our bread upon the waters." Our work is emphatically a work of faith. We often witness deep attention to the preaching of the Gospel; we listen to some good promises for the future, but such is the demand for sailors at the present time, that they hardly remain long enough with us to admit of our speaking of conversions.

Since my last Annual Report we have been called to lament the death of the Hon. B. C. Clark, our former Treasurer, whose whole life, during a period of eighteen years, was one of con-

stant activity and usefulness in connection with this Mission. He was a true friend to the sailor, and entered heartily into the various plans adopted to ameliorate his condition. In return, he shared their warm sympathies and affections to the last. His memory is still a living presence among us, and often, as the sailor returns from his long voyage to our chapel, he inquires for Mr. Clark, sorrowing that he shall see his face no more.

It will be recollected that after the death of Mr. Clark, Capt. Richard Girdler was employed as an assistant by the Board of Missions. He entered upon his duties in the true Christian spirit; but in the course of a few weeks, his health failing, he was obliged to retire from the work. For five weeks, his place was partially supplied by the Rev. Mr. Denham, then a candidate for Orders in our Church. Capt. Girdler has since resumed his duties, but his present state of health does not admit of his performing much labor, beyond that of assisting in the chapel. There, however, his services are highly appreciated. His faithful addresses and earnest prayers we shall never forget.

But here arises the great want of our Mission at the present time, viz., Missionary work *outside the chapel*. The chapel duties, though so important, are not the most effectual part of our work. The boarding-houses, the wharves, the ships, open a large and increasing field of usefulness. The opportunity of meeting the sailor on his own ground, talking with him, and dropping a word of warning, advice, and encouragement, is eminently calculated to produce beneficial results. They can, and do, readily appreciate Christian friendship and sympathy. In this way great numbers of them, who would not otherwise find their way to our chapel, may be induced to attend on public worship. We must find our way to them; seek them in their fore-castle-homes, and in their various places of resort, overcome their indifference, and take them along with us to the house of God.

We need a system of missionary visitations in this part of the city, and might establish it at once, could we obtain the assistance which such a work requires.

At no former period during my connection with this Mission

has its position for usefulness been so favorable as at the present time. A free Chapel with accommodations for some 200 persons, a constant supply of Bibles, Testaments, Tracts, and religious papers, together with comfortable clothing for shipwrecked and needy sailors, are gratuitously provided. And the Mission is entirely free from debt.

Four years of my labors, in connection with this Mission, closed with February last. The review suggests several remarks : —

1. In surveying the field of our operations, I am deeply impressed with its importance, not only to the class for whom we especially labor, who receive from it blessings more valuable to them than gold, but also to the community around us, in its influence upon the cause of morals and vital religion.

2. The results of each succeeding year's labor have been encouraging. The clear tokens of Divine favor in turning sinners from darkness to light, and his blessing upon our work generally, give us hope for the future.

3. The good done has, under God, been accomplished largely by the sympathy and earnest co-operation of those pious men who have gone from our Chapel into the Army and Navy, and others who have removed from the city. These removals have caused a great deficiency in our laboring force, which we must endeavor to meet, if we would carry forward the future operations of this mission with success.

J. T. BURRILL, *Chaplain.*

*House of Correction, South Boston.*

THE REV. JOSEPH H. CLINCH, *Chaplain.*

Baptisms (infants, 11). Marriages, 7. Funerals, 10. I have been regularly engaged the past year in the duties of my office, as Chaplain of the House of Correction and of the Lunatic Hospital. At the latter Institution there is a service every Sunday morning from 9 to 10 o'clock, and at the former, two services



every Sunday, morning and afternoon, and on the State and National Fast and Thanksgiving Days, and on Christmas Day, one full service.

During the past Conventional year, the number of prisoners has been unusually small; the whole list at the present date contains only about 200 names.

I am at the prison every afternoon from 3 till 6 o'clock, during which time I have full opportunity of conversing with the prisoners; and I trust that these interviews do not pass without leaving some good influence upon hearts which are not always hardened against the truth. Each prisoner has a Bible in his or her cell, and the use of a good library, of which I have the charge. These means of instruction, together with the public services in the Chapel, have been, I have reason to hope, blessed to the spiritual edification of many.

*St. Luke's Church, Chelsea.*

Rectorship vacant, although the Rev. P. B. Morgan has been invited to become the Rector.

During the past year our church has been occupied by the Rector and congregation of St. Andrew's Church. It is therefore impossible to report anything special for the past year, except that a large share of St. Andrew's Parish have united with St. Luke's, it being proposed to consolidate the interest of the two parishes. The congregations worshipping in one church have been often crowded, and larger on an average than was ever before known.

We believe that if the present prosperity and favorable state of things may be continued, we shall yet see a large and permanent church-interest in this growing city.

F. D. S. JONES,

H. S. SMITH,

*Wardens.*



*St. Andrew's Church, Chelsea.*

THE REV. P. B. MORGAN, Rector.

Baptisms, (adults 4, children 14,) 18. Marriages, 6. Burials, 16. Confirmed, 16. Communicants, 82; Sunday School: Teachers, 16; Scholars, 120. Twenty-one special services were held during Lent (a part of which were at 6 o'clock in the morning,) with an average attendance of 34. The recovery of the Church in Chelsea seems, in the mercy of God, to be gradually progressing.

**Essex County.***St. Peter's Church, Salem.*

THE REV. WM. RAWLINS PICKMAN, Rector.

Baptisms (infants 20, adults 10,) 30. Communicants, about 200; Confirmed, 13; Marriages, 4; Burials, 13; Sunday School: Scholars, 160; Teachers, 23. Total, 183. Contributions:—Hospital work, \$98.46; Rebuilding parsonage at St. Joseph's Mission, \$124.60; Nashotah, \$23.25; Trinity Church, Saco, \$20; New York Bible and Common Prayer-Book Society, \$15; Diocesan Missions, including Eastern District Missionary Association, \$166.55; Prayer-Books for the Mission at Beverly, \$25; General Missions, \$90; American Bible Society, \$26; Indian Mission, \$50; Sundry, \$66.67; Christmas Tree, \$88.43; Furnishing Hall for the Mission at Beverly, and other expenses of Mission, \$740.41; Communion Alms, \$283.26. Total, \$1817.63.

In addition to the regular work of the Parish, which has gone on without interruption during the past year, the Rector of St. Peter's Church would report to his Diocesan:—

That, in conjunction with a few devout young Churchmen in his Parish, a Mission has been started at Beverly, which prom-

ises ere long to assume a permanent shape. A hall was fitted up in a churchly style, and services begun on the 7th Sunday after Trinity, 1863, and have been continued on every Sunday evening up to the 5th Sunday after Easter.

On the Sunday after Ascension the full services of the Church, morning and afternoon, were commenced. Ample provision has been made for their steady continuance for a year. A deep interest has thus been excited in Beverly for the Church among many who, a year ago, were unacquainted with her meetness for their spiritual needs. The Rector takes this occasion to express his thanks to the warm supporters of the Mission who have gathered round him in Beverly—to the earnest hearts in St. Peter's, who have been his fellow-laborers, to all elsewhere, who, by their prayers or their means, have aided in the work. He prays God's blessing on them all for Christ's dear sake.

The Rev. S. H. Hilliard has consented to work for a few weeks in the Mission, in conjunction with the Rector, and it is hoped that his connection with the enterprise may be permanent.

*Grace Church, Salem.*

THE REV. GEORGE D. WILDES, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 5, adults 4,) 9. Confirmed, 10. Communicants, last reported, 77; Removed, 8; Died, 2; added, 21; Present number, 98; Marriages, 5; Burials within and without the Parish, 17; Sunday School: Teachers, 18; Scholars, 100. Collections: Communion Alms, \$253.83; Special Offering, \$85; Christmas Tree and Dressing, \$82.07; Musical service, \$91; Sewing Circle, \$155.71; Young Ladies' May Festival for Christian Commission and Church purposes, \$112; Mite Society, \$45; Massachusetts Church Missionary Society, \$35; Massachusetts Board of Missions, \$25.50; Sunday School Collections for the Poor Children, \$50.44; Portion of Church debt, surrendered, \$100; paid, \$220; Church at Brighton, \$10; Alteration in Church building, \$300; Subscription, \$350. Total, \$1530.37.

Besides the above, several sums have been given by individuals to the Sanitary and Christian Commissions, which are not strictly within the purpose of a Parochial Report.

The subscription noted above has enabled the Parish to remedy some inconveniencies, arising out of the position of the church building, long a source of expense. The alterations now making, while removing the occasion of inconvenience, will greatly improve the appearance of the church.

The project of commencing services in the neighboring town of South Danvers, in connection with Grace Church, has for some time engaged the attention of the Rector. At the instance of the Eastern District Association, and afterward that of the Massachusetts Church Missionary Society, the field has been thoroughly surveyed. Although, with the exception of one or two families who attend Grace Church, there are, so far as known, no members of our Church in South Danvers, yet it is believed that an evening service would gather in many who might eventually become interested and active in reference to regular services. Finding no other hall suitable for the purpose, the Rector has secured the use of the Town Hall for Sunday evening services. The first service will be held on Sunday, the 29th of the present month.

*St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.*

THE REV. EDWIN B. CHASE, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 11.) Communicants: Removed, 4; Added, 6; Present number, 76; Confirmed, 2; Marriages, 3; Burials, 6; Sunday School: Catechists, 15; Librarians, 3; Scholars, 96. Total, 114. Contributions: Communion Alms, \$52.65; Sunday School Offering to Bishop Seabury Mission, at Faribault, \$15; Relief of Soldiers, \$65.18; American Bible Society, \$37; Special Offerings for Parish purposes, \$78.83; Sewing Circle, \$189.91. Total, \$438.57.

*St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.*

THE REV. J. CROCKAR WHITE, Rector.

Baptisms, 12; Confirmed, 13; Communicants, about 175; Burials, 17; Marriages, 2; Offerings—Communion, \$110.78; General Charities, \$149.75; For the Sunday School, \$25; Bible Society, \$50; Diocesan Missions, \$75; Foreign Missions, \$50; Domestic Missions, \$27.56. Sunday School for Africa, \$30; Sunday School for Domestic Missions, \$10. Total, \$528.09.

This Church has met during the past year with several severe losses. The death of the Rev. William Horton, D.D., the earnest and devoted Rector since 1852, removed from our midst a faithful Minister of the Gospel, and a generous benefactor to the Parish. Edward S. Rand, Esq., long a representative of the Parish in the Diocesan Convention, and also of the Diocese in the General Convention, has passed from among us. And the Rev. Benjamin Hale, D.D., so well and favorably known by his efforts in the cause of Christian education, has laid down his labors and entered into rest. We pray and hope that, through grace given us, we may so follow the good example of these our brethren, gone before, that with them we may be partakers of the heavenly kingdom.

*St. James's Church, Amesbury.*

THE REV. D. GORDON ESTES, D.D., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 26, adult 1,) 27. Communicants—Added, 7; Died or Removed, 3; Present number, 58; Marriages, 2; Burials, 9. Sunday School—Teachers, 12; Scholars, 60. Contributions—Communion Alms, \$38.25; Domestic Missions, \$10; Sunday School Library, \$19; Parochial purposes, \$98. Total, 165.25.

*Christ Church, Andover.*

THE REV. BENJAMIN B. BABBITT, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 5, adults 5,) 10. Communicants—Added, 11; Removed, 10; Died, 1; Present number, 115; Confirmed, 11; Marriages, 5; Burials, 18. Sunday School — Scholars, 100; Teachers, 15. Missionary Contributions—Foreign, \$58.75; Domestic, \$68.17; Diocesan Board, \$50; East. District Missionary Association, \$77.65; Epiphany, Brighton, \$27; St. John's, Framingham, \$10. Total, \$291.57. Other Contributions within the Parish — Poor, \$100; Sunday School, \$46; Parish Library, \$73.60; Music, \$377; Presents to Rector, about \$500; Sundries, \$47.32. Total, \$1148.92. Without the Parish—For Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, \$27.83; Sunday School Contributions to Nashotah, \$28.09; Collections for the benefit of Soldiers, \$100. Total, \$155.92. Total Contributions, \$1591.41.

Of these amounts Offertory at Communion has yielded \$434.29; Other collections in Church, \$131.30; The Ladies' Society raised, including proceeds of a fair for the music, \$436.75. The Sunday School Collections, \$58.09.

The year has witnessed to a great advancement in the Parish. The organ has been improved by the addition of a sub-bass; and the music, both in the Church and the Sunday School, is now fixed on a firm foundation. There has been a deeper interest in spiritual matters in the Parish than heretofore. Moreover, the financial condition of the Parish is better than ever before. The good seed sown here in days gone by is taking deep root.

The Rector most gladly and gratefully acknowledges for himself and family, liberal and obliging testimonials of regard, such as must bind Pastor and people together in the closest bonds of affection.

May the Lord bless his Zion here with the riches of his grace.

*St. Stephen's Church, Lynn.*

THE REV. GEORGE STURGIS PAINE, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 14, adults 2,) 16. Communicants—Added, 17; Died or Removed, 7; Present number, 92; Confirmed, 8; Marriages, 5; Burials, 7; Sunday School Scholars, 92. Missionary Contributions—Foreign, \$16 46; Domestic, \$9; Diocesan, \$10. Other Contributions for Religious purposes—Within the Parish, Offertory and various Sunday Collections, \$99.00; Easter, Offering of Sunday School Scholars, towards Baptismal font, \$13.20; For Sunday School Library, \$45; For presents for Sunday School Scholars at Christmas, \$19.21; Contributed by Ladies' Fair and Social Circle, \$118.45; Miscellaneous purposes, \$69. Total, \$399.32.

The general condition of this Parish may be considered as prosperous. The Church is filled nearly to its utmost capacity. The Sunday School is conducted by the Rector, with the assistance of a Superintendent and seventeen teachers, and has nearly doubled during the past year. During the winter months, special Services were held in the church, at which the Right Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese, and various Clergymen of Boston and vicinity, officiated. There is daily Morning and Evening Prayer every Friday, and also on every Saint's day or holiday, with a Lecture. On the first Sunday of every month there are three Services—the afternoon Service being for catechetical instruction, with a Sermon for children. Festivals for the children, of varied character, have taken place at Mid-Summer, Christmas, and Easter.

*Grace Church, Lawrence.*

THE REV. GEORGE PACKARD, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 47, adults 10,) 57. Communicants—Added, 27; Died, 3; Removed, 13; Present number, 152; Con-

firmed, 13 ; Marriages, 11 ; Burials, 39. Sunday School—Superintendent, 1 ; Librarian and Assistant, 2 ; Teachers, (Male 11, Female 19,) 30 ; Scholars, 270 ; Missionary Contributions : Foreign Missions, \$45 ; Domestic Missions, through American Church Missionary Society, \$30 ; Diocesan Missions, Eastern District Missionary Association, \$29 ; Massachusetts Church Missionary Society, \$50. Within the Parish, — Offertory, \$152.60 ; Sunday School and Parochial purposes, \$88.86 ; City Mission, \$75.30 ; Without the Parish, Society for Relief of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, \$25 ; Feeble Churches, \$128.92 ; American Bible Society, \$20.50 ; Sunday School Contributions, (support of child named Lilius L. K. Spalding, in Africa, \$25 ; Orphan's Home in Iowa, \$10 ; Sunday Schools in the West, \$31.86,) \$66.86. Total, \$712.04.

*Trinity Church, Haverhill.*

THE REV. C. H. SEYMOUR, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 8, adults 12,) 20. Communicants—Added, 21 ; Died or removed, 8 ; Present number, 69 ; Confirmed, 21 ; Marriages, 7 ; Burials, 9 ; Sunday School Scholars, 62 ; Missionary Contributions, Domestic, \$40 ; Other Contributions for religious purposes, within the Parish, \$508.56.

The Rector reports the Parish in a prosperous condition. A more than ordinary religious interest has prevailed through the year. Many have found joy and peace in believing. Pecuniarily the Parish was never in better condition. Many tokens of love and interest have been bestowed upon the Rector and his family. For all His gracious goodness towards us we bless and magnify His glorious name. May His Spirit still bless and sanctify, and His love more and more here find the satisfaction of His travail.



*Calvary Church, Danvers.*

THE REV. ROBERT F. CHASE, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 10, adults 3,) 13. Communicants—Added, 12; Died or removed, 8; Present number, 45; Confirmed, 6; Marriages, 3; Burials, 9. Sunday School—Superintendent, 1; Teachers, (male 3, female 8,) 11; Scholars, 66.

Contributions — Communion Alms, \$28.72; Domestic Missions, \$4; Foreign Missions, (Sunday School Offerings,) \$10.75; The Church Missionary Association of the Eastern District, \$10.32; The Society for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, \$2.66; The United States Christian Commission, \$8.50; The Ladies' Church Aid Society, \$130; Other Contributions, about \$75. Total, \$265.95.

The Rector entered upon this, his former field of labor, in the month of July last, after serving as a Missionary in the city of Philadelphia, for about eighteen months. In the meantime, the Parish was without any stated Pastoral oversight. Its present prospects, in regard to both spiritual and temporal things, are encouraging. The Sunday School (of which Mr. S. Howard Pratt is the faithful Superintendent,) has never been in a condition so promising. The Scholars are occasionally catechized "openly in the Church," and the "Children's Church" has been inaugurated with good results. The want of more convenient accommodations for the instruction of the children, and for week-day services, is much felt, and efforts are being made to collect a sum sufficient for the erection of a Sunday School and Lecture-Room.

The Ladies' Church Aid Society is constantly and successfully laboring for the welfare of the Parish.

Through the abundant grace and Holy Spirit of God, may we increase and abound, to his honor and glory, more and more!

*St. John's Church, Gloucester.*

THE REV. JOSHUA R. PEIRCE, Rector.

The services of our Church were first introduced into the old town of Gloucester in the month of August, A. D. 1862, under the auspices of the Eastern District Association, on which occasion the Rev. Dr. Edson, of Lowell, officiated. He was succeeded on the following Sunday by the Rev. Dr. Hoppin, of Cambridge. And from that time to the early part of December, Services were held on every Lord's day, with but two exceptions, by various Clergymen.

On the second Sunday in December, the present incumbent, having been appointed by the Eastern District Association Missionary to Gloucester, entered upon his duties. Up to the present time, Services have been regularly held on every Lord's day, and on the great Festivals of the Church. On the 15th of May, A. D., 1863, a Parish was organized under the name of St. John's Church; and later in the year, the undersigned was elected the Rector of the same. Since Services were first held in Gloucester the sacrament of Holy Baptism has been administered to 24 persons, of whom two were adults. Seven persons have received the Rite of Confirmation. The number of communicants at the time of the opening of the Mission, was eight. The present number is 23. Six couples have been joined in holy matrimony, and the burial service performed three times.

The Sunday School numbers about forty children, with six teachers, including the Rector.

A Churchman of Boston has recently presented to the Parish a lot of land for the erection of a church, and measures are now in progress to accomplish the object. About two-thirds of the necessary funds have been secured by personal solicitation. The church it is expected will be ready for use early in the fall, by which time it is hoped the balance of funds necessary to pay for the same, will be secured, so that the Parish may be free from debt.

**Middlesex County.***Christ Church, Cambridge.*

THE REV. N. HOPPIN, D.D., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 25, adults 2,) 27. Communicants—Added, 44; Died or removed, 28; Present number, 244; Confirmed, 14; Marriages, 7; Burials, 20; Sunday Scholars, 174; Average attendance, 100; Teachers, 20. Missionary Contributions—Foreign, \$20; Diocesan, \$175; Church of the Epiphany, Brighton, \$246.10; Christ Church, Plymouth, \$65; St. Philip's Church, Epping, N. H., \$40; Christ Church, Owasco, Michigan, \$25; Several Churches and Societies, \$90; Church Union, \$336.03; The Bishop's Fund, \$50; Sunday School Offerings for Bishop Talbot's Mission, \$62.29. Total for objects without the Parish, \$1109.42.

Within the Parish—Added to the fund for building a Sunday School chapel, \$200; General Communion Offertories, \$416.65; Other objects within the Parish, \$573.76. Total, \$1190.41.

Total of all contributions for religious and charitable objects, within and without the Parish, \$2299.83.

*St. Peter's Church, Cambridgeport.*

THE REV. CHARLES SEYMOUR, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 7, adults 1,) 8. Communicants—Admitted, 7; Present number, 70; Confirmed, 8; Marriages, 2; Funerals, 14; Sunday School and Bible Class, Scholars and Teach-



ers, 155. Contributions — Various Parochial objects, ordinary, about \$700 ; New church, \$4,500.

I took charge of this Parish on the 24th of last September. The above report includes only the time between that and the present date.

The Parish has recently undertaken the enterprise of a new church. A prominent and commodious site is purchased, and a spacious and attractive building will be erected. New circumstances warrant the conviction that prosperity will be rapid and permanent — that a strong and efficient parish will be the result of present endeavor.

I add, with great pleasure, that Christians of other denominations have manifested a generous interest in our movement.

*St. Anne's Church, Lowell.*

THE REV. THEODORE EDSON, D.D., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 41, adults 7,) 48. Communicants — Added, 38 ; Died or Removed, 38 ; Present number, 460 ; Confirmed, 36 ; Marriages, 8 ; Burials, 52 ; Sunday School scholars and Teachers, 265 ; Missionary Contributions—Foreign, \$139 ; Domestic, \$54 ; Diocesan, \$341 ; Other contributions for religious purposes, Within the Parish, \$269 ; Without the Parish, \$100.

It is estimated that Lowell has suffered a depletion of its population to the amount of about ten thousand. Our congregation as well as others has been affected thereby.

It will be seen, however, that the additions to the number of communicants the past year has exactly made up our loss from deaths and removals, during the same time. The marriages are few compared with other years. So of baptisms. Burials, without uncommon epidemic sickness, have been more than usual, making an average of one a week. The public week-day services have been kept up, with the exception of the time during my absence abroad, when the special service of prayer for our coun-

try on Friday afternoon was suspended, and taken up immediately on my return. With this exception, it has never been omitted since the war commenced.

*St. John's Church, Lowell.*

THE REV. CORNELIUS B. SMITH, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 29, adults 2,) 31. Communicants—Added, 14; Died or removed 3; Present number, minimum estimate, 118; Confirmed, 11; Marriages, 5; Burials, 12; Sunday School, the Rector Superintendent, Teachers and Scholars, 145; Contributions — Foreign Missions, by General Board, \$56.75, of which amount \$25 were from the Sunday School, for a scholarship in Africa; Domestic Missions, \$70.49 (\$11.77 being the Sunday School offerings,) principally by the American Church Missionary Society; Diocesan Missions, by Massachusetts Church Missionary Society, \$27.71; Increase of Ministry, by Massachusetts Church Missionary, \$11.35; Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, \$14.48; American Bible Society, \$15.30; Sick in Church Hospitals, \$8.50; Christian Commission to the Army, \$43.49; For Sunday School, \$37.57; Offertory for various charities, both within and without the Parish, \$156.19. Total, \$441.83, of which, by approximate estimate, \$326.16 have been contributed to objects without, and \$115.67 to objects within, the Parish. This is a report of the voluntary offerings of the congregation, no mention being made of considerable amounts raised for particular purposes by subscriptions.

The present Rector entered upon his duties on the first Sunday of the Conventional year. Notwithstanding the great depression of the Lowell manufacturing interests, the Parish has made encouraging progress.

In addition to a regular week-day Service and Lecture, a Monday Evening Prayer Meeting has been established, with very marked spiritual results. It is conducted entirely by the

Rector, and at his residence. The attendance has been large, and the interest increasing.

The average amount of the plate contributions, although not large, has increased nearly four-fold over previous years.

*St. Mary's Church, Newton Lower Falls.*

THE REV. WINSLOW W. SEVER, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 20, adults 1,) 21. Communicants—Added, 7; Died or Removed, 11; Present number, 120; Confirmed, 7; Marriages, 3; Burials, 11; Sunday School Scholars, 115; Teachers, 15. Missionary Contributions—Foreign, \$25; Domestic, for Bishop Talbot, \$35.45; Sunday School, for Rev. Mr. Hagar, of Nebraska, \$40; Diocesan, \$38.25; Other Contributions for religious purposes, Within the Parish—Communion Alms, \$85.19; Monthly Collections for Parish purposes, \$145.82; Without the Parish—For the Christian Commission, \$60.16; From the Sunday School, special offering, \$30. Total, \$459.87.

*Grace Church, Newton Corner.*

THE REV. J. S. COPLEY GREENE, Rector.

Baptisms (infants 9). Confirmed, 3; Communicants—Dead or Removed, 25; Added, 8; Present number, 80; Marriages, 1; Burials, 7; Sunday School Scholars, 100; Officers and Teachers, 15; Contributions—Foreign Missions, \$135.18; Domestic Missions and Societies, \$43.17; Diocesan Missions and Societies, \$142.57; For Parish debt and poor, \$54.35; Communion offerings, \$110.74; Proceeds of Sunday School Fair for Library, \$350; Christian Commission, \$177.56. Total, \$1013.57. Of this the Sunday School contributed, apart from its fair, \$57.90.

Besides these contributions a beautiful Communion set of plate has been presented to the Parish by a large number of the present communicants.

The debt upon the land owned by the Parish remains as before, \$1450.

*St. Paul's Church, Hopkinton.*

THE REV. ALFRED L. BAURY, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 2, adults 4,) 6. New Communicants, 10; Present number, about 30; Burials, 3; Sunday School scholars, 30 or more; Missionary contributions — Foreign and Domestic Board, \$10; Diocesan Board, \$10. Total, \$20. Communion Alms and other contributions for the poor, \$47. There has also been liberal subscriptions towards the purchase of a bell, &c., the precise amount not ascertained.

This ancient Parish has been gradually improving for several years last past, and seemed only to require the labors of an active resident minister to render it eminently prosperous. The Rev. B. F. Cooley, of the Diocese of Connecticut, in the Holy Order of Deacons, being recommended to me as well adapted to this field of clerical labor, a correspondence was opened with this young clergymen upon the subject, which resulted in his visiting Hopkinton, where he officiated for the first time, October 24th, being the twenty-third Sunday after Trinity.

Having ascertained to my satisfaction that Mr. Cooley's services were acceptable to the congregation, a subscription paper was circulated in the Parish, and a petition presented to the "Diocesan Board of Missions and Pastoral Aid Society," which was liberally responded to, whereby the requisite amount of salary (\$600,) was secured.

This important result being communicated to the Rev. Mr. Cooley, on Sunday Nov. 22, being the 25th after Trinity, he entered upon his duties as resident minister of St. Paul's, and



has now for the last six months discharged the same with active zeal and diligence.

During this brief period (with aid from several friends of the Church in Boston) a bell has been purchased and paid for. A Sewing Circle has been organized, who have caused the chancel, &c., to be newly carpeted. Near to which, without the rails, has been placed an exceedingly well-proportioned, and appropriate baptismal font — a gift from the Sunday School scholars to the Parish. Our friends at Southborough donated at Easter a handsome covering for the communion-table. Several ladies in Roxbury also presented a fine copy of the Holy Bible, and of the Book of Common Prayer for the reading desk. All the Fasts and Festivals of the Church have been duly observed, and the attendance on the week-day services very encouraging. On Christmas Eve, the children of the Sunday School, with many others, were cheered and made glad at the sight of a beautiful evergreen tree, loaded with gifts from near and distant friends, for the lambs of the flock.

Soon after the Rev. Mr. Cooley became the resident Minister of Hopkinton, with the most commendable zeal for the extension of the Church, he visited Holliston, a town of three thousand inhabitants, about six miles distant from the former place.

Here Divine Providence seems to have prepared the way for introducing the Church among a people, (with few exceptions) till then, wholly unacquainted with the discipline, doctrines and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

After performing divine service and preaching A. M. and P. M. in St. Paul's, Hopkinton, the Rev. Mr. Cooley now holds a third service at Holliston, officiating to large and interested congregations.

These labors, we fear, will prove too great a tax upon our devoted missionary's physical strength to be long endured. If otherwise, and his laborious duties be borne with cheerfulness, yet these two localities require the entire and undivided labors of a resident Minister, in order to secure the increase, and continued prosperity of the Church in either of these large and important inland towns.



After a careful examination of this field of missionary labor, we find abundant cause to thank God for what has already been done, and to take courage in prosecuting with pious zeal and diligence, our labors for the future.

*St. John's Church, Charlestown.*

THE REV. T. R. LAMBERT, D.D., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 50, adults 5,) 55. Communicants — 302; Confirmed, 21; Marriages, 22; Burials, 33; Sunday Scholars, 221; Teachers, 29, Superintendent, Assistant and Librarian. Total, 258. Contributions — Domestic Missions, \$101; Breck Mission, \$100; Sunday School offerings for Breck Mission, \$111.82; Sunday School Library, \$47; Easter sale for Sunday School books, &c., \$125; Massachusetts Missions, \$91; Eastern District Association, \$85; Society for Widows and Orphans of Clergy, \$41; St. Mary's Free Church for Sailors, \$35; Episcopal Fund, \$250; Choir and Sunday School-room, \$550; Religious purposes within the Parish, \$75; Communion Alms distributed, \$421.46. Total, \$2032.28.

*Grace Church, Medford.*

THE REV. CHARLES H. LEAROYD, Rector.

Until the first of September I preached in various places, as my services were required. Read the Funeral Service on two occasions.

On the first of September I entered upon my duties of Rector of Grace Church, Medford. Baptisms, (infants 4, adults 1,) 5. Communicants—Added 5; Died 3; Removed 1; Present number, about 45. Sunday School—Scholars, 46; Teachers, 9. Penny-collection of Sunday School, \$16.12; Communion Offerings, \$77.29; Charitable objects, \$26.50; Diocesan Missions, \$40;

Offerings for purposes within the Parish and in aid of Parish debt, \$857.81.

*Christ Church, Waltham.*

THE REV. THOMAS F. FALES, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 7, adults 6,) 13. Communicants—Added, 11; Died or removed, 5; Present number, 103. Confirmed, 5. Marriages, 4; Burials, 18. Sunday School—Teachers, 8; Scholars, 70. Missionary Contributions—Diocesan Missions, \$33; General Missions, \$60; Other contributions, \$204.70. Total, \$297.70.

This Parish has been gradually growing in numbers and strength. In its present condition we find great reason for gratitude and encouragement.

*Trinity Church, Melrose.*

THE REV. J. BOURS RICHMOND, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 11.) Communicants—Added, 5; Died, 1; Present number, 31; Marriages, 1; Burials, 6. Sunday School Scholars, 57; Teachers, 11. Contributions for Interest Debt and for Missions, \$136.84.

The present Incumbent took charge of this Parish the first Sunday in February, 1863, but did not accept an invitation to the Rectorship until the latter part of April, since which time there has been a general increase of numbers, and of spiritual interest. By the blessing of God we hope to be permanently established upon the foundation of faith, charity, and good will. There are now no disturbing elements to weaken or overthrow. A Ladies Social Circle has been formed, with printed Constitution and By-Laws, for promoting the highest welfare of the Parish. The net proceeds of a Levee lately held were \$375, so

that the Parish is now free of all debt, excepting the mortgage-debt of two thousand dollars upon the church building, which a committee are zealously engaged in removing. One-half of this amount has already been subscribed.

The Sunday School is in a most flourishing condition, with faithful and energetic teachers, and a good number of children. Occasional Services have been performed at South Reading, at the Highlands, at Saugus, and at Grace Church, Malden.

*St. Paul's Church, Auburndale.*

[No Report.],

*St. John's Church, Framingham.*

THE REV. REESE F. ALSOP, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 2, adults 11,) 13. Communicants, 55; Removed, 6; Added, 1; Confirmed, 21. Sunday School—Teachers, 8; Scholars, 55; Contributions by Sunday School, \$10; Monthly collections, \$207.95; Communion and other Offerings, \$155.80; Number of families, 30.

During the year the debt upon the church has been paid, and the building will be consecrated in June.

*Grace Church, Malden.*

The Rev. Dexter Potter resigned the charge of this Parish the third day of February. Since that time, regular weekly services have been maintained by lay reading, and occasional services by Clergymen.

Families, 20. Communicants, 16; added, 3. Total, 19. Confirmed, 3; Burials, 4; Sunday School—Superintendent, 1; Librarian, 1; Teachers, 5; Scholars, 50; Library, 250 vols.



This Parish having never enjoyed the services of a resident Rector, its growth has necessarily been slow. We have invited Mr. C. Ingalls Chapin, of Ohio, who is soon to take Orders, and hope to hear of his acceptance. With a resident Rector the Parish might be much increased.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. S. T. CUSHING,  
Senior Warden.

*The Church of the Epiphany, Brighton.*

THE REV. D. G. HASKINS, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 5, adults 3,) 8. Communicants — Added, 20; Died or removed, 8; Present number, 50; Confirmed, 8; Burials, 2; Sunday School — Teachers, 7; Scholars, 40. Missionary Contributions, \$21.46; Offertory, \$61.43; By Fairs, \$1100. Contributions for church-building from friends outside of the Parish, \$3489.66; from sale of house on church-land, \$2000.

The church now being erected is expected to be finished before July next, at a cost of about \$6000. The lot cost \$6000. Of this gross amount of \$12,000, about \$6000 has been already paid in, and \$1000 is hoped to be realized at the festival to be held in Brighton on the 17th of June. The balance of \$5000, if not obtained by the aid of friends, will remain as a mortgage-debt upon the church and land. The Parish, however, will own all the pews in the new church. The church is designed to seat 350 persons. The prospects of the Parish are deemed very encouraging. The figures given above plainly indicate the extent to which the Parish is indebted to friends without for its ability to worship in a church of its own. To those many friends the Rector presents his most grateful acknowledgments.

*Emmanuel Church, Somerville.*

THE REV. EDW. HYDE TRUE, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 7, adults 3,) 10. Communicants, 34. Marriages, 2; Burials, 2; Sunday School—Superintendent, 1; Teachers, 6; Scholars, 50. There have been none confirmed during the year, though there are several persons now ready and desirous for the administration of the rite. As this is still a Missionary Parish, there have been no contributions to objects without the Parish. For objects within the Parish, there have been contributed the following sums, viz.—Offertory, \$182.10; Sunday School Collections and Donations, \$74.12; Ladies' Sewing Circle by the Fair and otherwise, \$371; By various individuals for the support of the Rector and other Parochial objects, \$355. To these sums must be added the liberal amount subscribed by members of the Parish for the erection of the church, \$1208, making a total of all monies raised the handsome amount of \$2190. When it is remembered that this young and feeble Parish has not applied for assistance from any Missionary Board for the maintenance of public services, the above record of voluntary contributions, we humbly think, speaks well for our exertions and interest in the cause of Him whose sacred Name is inscribed on our banners. In that especial enterprise in which we are now engaged—the building of a proper edifice for Divine worship—we must urge our claims upon our brethren in our vicinity for their material aid in bringing it to a successful completion. By the kindness of Churchmen who have been acquainted with our history, and through the recommendation of the Bishop of the Diocese and several Clergymen, we have now nearly \$3000 in a subscription book. May the Lord reward the "cheerful giver," and open the hearts of others to a like charity and generosity! The Rector has been cheered by the increasing spiritual prosperity of the Parish, and trusts he will be able to present a goodly number of candidates to the Bishop for Confirmation at his first official visit to us.

I have to report also that, since September, 1863, I have officiated regularly on Sunday afternoons, and on certain Fasts and Festivals of the Church, as Chaplain of the House of the Good Samaritan, Boston. It has been a work of peculiar interest to me, and I trust that my ministrations to the sick and dying there have been blest to their soul's everlasting welfare! The sacrament of holy baptism has been administered to two infants, and the order for the burial of the dead has been read on four funeral occasions at this hospital.

*St. Thomas's Chapel, East Somerville.*

[Not in union with the Convention.]

THE REV. N. G. ALLEN, Minister.

Baptisms, (infants 20.) Communicants, 12. Burials, 7. Sunday Scholars, 55; Teachers, 8. Contributions—to American Bible Society, \$3.25; Alms Chest, \$6; Margaret Coffin Prayer Book Society, \$1.50. Total, \$10.75.

The expenses for carrying on this heavenly work have *thus* been met. From the Offertory, \$168.09; by individual donations from Parishioners, \$81.50; from friends in other Parishes, \$160; from Rev. Dr. Lambert, \$68. Total, \$477.59.

At the earnest and repeated solicitation of representatives of different denominations of Christians in East Cambridge, I commenced evening services in that too long neglected district, on the first Sunday evening after Easter, in the Lodge-room of the Protestant Association, voluntarily and gratuitously offered for the purpose.

The attendance has been large and very encouraging. A Sunday School has been opened under promising auspices, and a library given. May the Holy Spirit own and bless the work to the extension of the Church and the glory of the Redeemer!

*Church of Our Redeemer, Holliston.*

[Not in union with the Convention.]

Services of the Church were commenced in this town during the month of March by the Rev. B. F. Cooley, of St. Paul's, Hopkinton, since that time a parish has been organized and services are held regularly on Sundays. We think our prospects are unusually good, and hope, through the Divine blessing, to become soon, if not at once, a self-supporting parish. Families, 26. Communicants, 2. Baptisms, infants, 4; Burials, 2; Sunday School Scholars, 50. Contributions — Margaret Coffin Prayer Book Society, \$12; Sunday School Library, \$5.

G. A. ROBINSON, *Clerk.***Norfolk County.***Christ Church, Quincy.*

THE REV. HENRY BURROUGHS, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants,) 4. Communicants—Added, 6; Died or removed, 8; Present number, 58; Confirmed, 3; Marriages, 3; Burials, 8; Sunday School Scholars, 40. Missionary Contributions — Foreign, \$12; Domestic, \$20; Diocesan, for the Southern District Association, \$15. Total for Missions, \$47.

For the maintenance of public worship and other parochial purposes, chiefly through the weekly offertory, \$1155.18. For the Poor, \$18.50; For the Society for Widows and Orphans of Clergymen, \$5; A thanksgiving offering for the relief of Union prisoners at Richmond through the Christian Commission, \$20.16. Total of contributions for religious purposes without the Parish, \$25.16. The whole amount of contributions during the year is \$1245.84. There has been a gratifying increase in the Missionary offerings, and, we trust, in the Missionary spirit.

Many communicants who are habitually present during a portion of the year are not included in the above report; because, having their winter residence in Boston, they are supposed to be counted as communicants in other parishes.

*St. Paul's Church, Dedham.*

THE REV. S. B. BABCOCK, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 6, adult 1,) 7. Communicants—Added, 15; Died or removed, 20; Present number, 135; Confirmed, 9; Marriages, 5; Burials, 11; Sunday School Scholars, 90; Diocesan Mission, \$207.93; within the Parish, \$160.21; without the Parish, \$432.23. Total, \$800.37.

Deaths and removals have thinned our communicants, and our Sunday School.

The details of our monies raised are — Diocesan Board of Missions, \$123.25; South. District Association, \$84.68; Charities at home, \$160.21; Sanitary Commission, \$115.76; Christian Commission, \$13.80; St. Stephen's Mission, \$50.25; Church Home, \$52.42; Episcopal Fund, \$200. The Ladies and a Young Ladies' Bible Class have cared for St. Stephen's, and the Sunday School Scholars for the Church Home.

If the members of the Parish would pass their contributions, as they should do, through the agency of the Parish, our \$800 would probably nearly reach \$1800. We have known of large gifts to Church purposes that we cannot officially report.

*St. James's Church, Roxbury.*

THE REV. GEORGE S. CONVERSE, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 56, adults 4,) 60. Communicants — Added, 29; Died or removed, 6; Present number, 241; Confirmed, 25; Marriages, 6; Burials, 26. Sunday School—Superintend-



### Appendix.

Scholars, 240. Mission Sunday School Teachers, 16; Scholars (men 16, women 127. Total in both Schools, Teachers, 41; Missionary contributions — General Domestic Board, \$120.86; Rev. Dr. Breck, Minnesota, \$143. Diocesan Missions (Massachusetts Board, District Association, \$75), \$143. Foreign Missions, \$103.23; American Society, \$107; Other contributions for religious purposes, \$455.26; For the Christian Communion Offertory, \$423; For the Sunday School, \$70.68; For the Society of the Parish, \$180; For a new font, \$113. Total, (without the Parish, \$1241.94,) \$2053.63.

The Benevolent Society make the following report of the work for the year among the Church of England people. Number of visitors, 23; families visited during the year, 109; number at present in charge of visitors, 97. Of these 37 have received material aid to the amount of \$214.25. The Employment Department has given work to 23 persons to the amount of \$214.25.

The Sewing School has met weekly with an average attendance of 37. The whole number connected with the school has been 108.

The "Helping Hand" has furnished two boxes of clothing to the West, and one to the Indian Mission at Faribault, Minnesota. Number of garments, 254,—Value, \$264.

The church was open on Wednesdays for Evening Prayer, and on Fridays for Evening Prayer, and Lectures from November to Ash Wednesday. During Lent there was Evening Prayer daily in the church, except Wednesdays, with a lecture on Friday evenings, and on Wednesdays there was Evening Prayer, with a lecture at the Mission Hall.

The Rector catechizes the children of the Parish openly in the church on the third Sunday afternoon of every month, except May and August.

*St. John's Church, Jamaica Plain.*

THE REV. W. R. BABCOCK, Rector.

Baptisms (infants 2, adults 2,) 4. Confirmed, 10. Communicants — Added, 42; Died or removed, 13; Present number, 155; Marriages, 4; Burials, 7. Sunday School—Scholars, 81; Teachers, 16. Contributions — Communion Alms, \$428.56; American Bible Society, \$85; Foreign Missions (special for Africa, \$34,) \$60.56; American Church Missionary Society, \$100; Massachusetts Church Missionary Society, \$180; Sunday School contribution to E. K. Society for Sunday School libraries, \$62.27; Society for the Increase of the Ministry, \$175; To aid feeble Parishes, \$40; Sanitary Commission, \$40; Widows' and Orphans' Society, \$25; Margaret Coffin Prayer Book Society, \$30; Special gifts for the poor, \$220; Other offerings, \$875. Total, \$1820.39. About two-thirds of this amount have been appropriated to objects outside of the Parish.

The record of the last year exhibit the usual variety of changes in the condition of this Parish. We have lost some communicants, but have gained many more.

A new system of parochial contributions has been introduced which promises the best results.

Within the limits of our own field there is little scope for Missionary exertions, and comparatively small demand for the exercise of charity to the poor. But it is hoped these peculiarities will not render us less mindful of the wants of those who are too distant to plead, in person, their own cause.

The Rector acknowledges with gratitude the gift of a complete and rich set of clerical robes from his parishioners, as well as many other substantial and gratifying tokens of their generous kindness.

May the outward prosperity of the Parish prove to be both a foretoken and measure of the spiritual growth and devotedness of its members.

*St. Mary's Church, Dorchester.*

THE REV. W. H. MILLS, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 22, adults 4,) 26. Confirmed, 14. Communicants—Added, 24; Died or removed, 17; Present number, 131; Marriages, 2; Burials, 16. Sunday School—Scholars, 102; Teachers, with Superintendent and Librarians, 16. Total, 118. Missionary offerings—Foreign Missions, \$156.09; Domestic Missions, \$100; Diocesan Missions, Massachusetts Board, \$236.23; Southern District Association, \$100; Bishop Seabury Missions, \$29.05; Nashotah, \$32.32. Total, \$703.69. Other offerings, within the Parish, for the poor, \$185.52; for the poor by the Ladies' Sewing Circle, \$27; Communion Alms, \$258.88. Total, \$471.40. Without the Parish, Widows' and Orphans' Society, \$58.81; Student for Ministry, \$115; Society for Indigent Clergymen, \$20; Surplice for Wrentham, \$51.50; St. Mary's Church for Seamen, \$2; Hyde Park, \$35; Font for Hyde Park, by Sunday Scholars, \$59.25; Margaret Coffin Prayer Book Society, \$25.50; For the Soldiers, by Ladies' Sewing Circle, \$124, also 685 garments. Total, \$490.06. Whole amount of offerings, \$1665.65.

*Christ Church, Hyde Park, Dorchester.*

THE REV. A. H. WASHBURN, Officiating Minister.

Statistics from Easter, 1863, to Easter, 1864.

Number of families, 39. Baptisms, (infants 7, adults 4,) 11. Communicants, 39; Marriages, 2; Burials, 3; Morning and Evening Prayer, read 161 times; The Holy Communion administered in public, 16 times; in private, 3 times; Sermons preached, 101. Sunday School—Teachers, 10; Scholars, 52; Offertory, \$212.19; Of this for Diocesan Missions, \$15.

The last report announced this Parish to be free from debt. The church is now consecrated. The congregation, the attendance, and the revenue are increasing.



*St. Paul's Church, Brookline.*

THE REV. FRANCIS WHARTON, Rector.

Since the present incumbent entered on his duties in June, 1863, there have been —

Baptisms, (infants 8, adult 1,) 9. Persons confirmed, 21; Persons added to the communion, 53; Communicants removed, 10; Present number about 150; Marriages, 8; Funerals, 9. Sunday School Teachers (male 7, female 13,) 20. Sunday School Scholars about 120.

The contributions of the Church in the eleven months ending May 18, 1864, have been as follows:—

Christian Commission, \$870; Massachusetts Church Missionary Society, \$710; American Church Missionary Society for Iowa, \$193; Evangelical Knowledge Society, \$300; Foreign Missions, \$235. Diocesan Seaman's Mission, \$107.50; Lawrence, Kansas (special), \$60; Episcopal Church in Paris (special), \$200; Books and outfit for Sunday School, \$318; American Bible Society, \$218; Teacher for colored persons in South West, \$350 (not paid over); Clothing for Soldiers, \$158; Indigent Clergymen, \$186; Theological Seminaries (special), \$1000; Theological education, \$235; Widows and Orphans of Clergy, \$41.35; Poor of Parish, \$167; Books and Tracts, \$88; Children of Parish, \$160; Sewing Circle and miscellaneous, \$312 — \$5408.85. Aggregate objects within the Parish, \$595. Aggregate objects outside of Parish, \$4813.85. Total, \$5408.85.

*Plymouth County.**St. Andrew's Church, Hanover.*

THE REV. SAMUEL CUTLER, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 1, adults 2,) 3. Communicants — Added, 3; Died, 3; Removed, 1; Present number, 105; Confirmed,

2; Marriages, 2; Burials, 6; Sunday School Scholars, 50. Missionary and other contributions — Foreign Missions, \$100; American Church Missionary Society, \$50; Massachusetts Church Missionary Society, \$112.90; Evangelical Knowledge Society, \$82.87, of which \$20 was from the Sunday School for Sunday Schools at the West.

For the Federal Army and sufferers by the war, through the Christian Commission, Tract Society, Evangelical Knowledge Society, and other channels, \$189.16; for the Loyalists in East Tennessee, \$46; For the American Tract Society, \$27.55; For church building, \$30; For Diocesan Seamen's Mission, \$20.10; Widows' and Orphans' Society, \$20; Mission of Rev. E. M. P. Wells, D.D., from a parishioner, \$30; From three members of the Parish for the increase of the Episcopal Fund, \$400. Total, without the Parish, \$1108.58; For Christmas Festival and Sunday School Library, \$25.50; For the monthly distribution of 75 copies of the Parish Visitor and Tracts, \$18; For the poor from Communion Alms, &c., \$38.85. Total, within the Parish, \$82.85, making the whole amount \$1190.93.

*Trinity Church, Bridgewater.*

[No Report.]

*Christ Church, Plymouth.*

THE REV. WM. HENRY BROOKS, D.D., Rector.

Families, 28; Individuals (adults 71, children 42), 113; Baptisms, (infants 5, adults 1,) 6; Confirmed, 9; Communicants, last reported, 23; added (admitted, 6; received, 2,) 8; Present number, (male, 10; female, 21) 31; Burials, 2; Public services (Sundays 97, week days 9,) 106; Holy Communion, publicly administered, 13 times; Sunday School teachers (male, 1, female 6,) 7; Scholars (male, 15; female, 22,) 37; Number

of books added to the Sunday School Library, 75; Present number, 307; Number of books added to the Parish Library, 43; Present number, 118.

Offerings for Parochial objects — Alms at Holy Communion, \$17.87; Sunday School, \$17.82; Sunday School Library (contributed by the school), \$21.41; Parish Library, \$15.01; Gifts to the children of the Sunday School on Christmas evening, \$21.25; new furnace, \$279.01.

For Diocesan objects — Diocesan Board of Missions, \$2; Massachusetts Church Missionary Society, \$5; Relief of aged and indigent Clergymen of the Diocese, \$3.75.

For General objects — Domestic Missions, \$2.50; Foreign Missions, \$6.77; American Bible Society, \$6.50; Christian Commission, \$5.50; Sanitary Commission, \$10. Total of offerings, \$414.39.

From the foregoing statistics it will be perceived that, during the past year, progress has been made in the various departments of the work connected with this Parish and Missionary Station.

Rapid progress and growth are not to be expected in such a field. If the Parish had done nothing more than held what it had previously gained, this, of itself, would have afforded ground for encouragement; but, through God's blessing, more than this has been accomplished, and we are permitted to see many tokens of increasing strength, and cheering prospects of more extended influence and usefulness.

The spiritual condition of this community is such as to make the maintenance in it of a Protestant Episcopal Church a matter of bounden duty.

No small portion of the inhabitants are followers of erroneous systems of religion, while a still larger portion are utterly irreligious.

A regard for the interests of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, and for the salvation of the souls of these persons, makes the maintenance and hearty support of this Missionary station an incumbent duty, which should be discharged by the Church in this Diocese, with conscientious fidelity and zeal. The histo-

ry of the Parish in Plymouth teaches us the important lesson, never to despair of the revival and restoration of a sanctuary of the Lord, no matter how depressed and gloomy may be its condition.

Even though its doors are closed (as were those of the house of God in this place for a long period,) Lord's day after Lord's day passing away, without witnessing within its walls the offering of the sacrifices of prayer and praise, the reading and preaching of the Word, the administration of the holy sacraments, and the instruction of the young in those things which Christians ought to know and believe to their soul's health — and there is no prospect of brighter and happier days, we should not regard what has been done *for* and *in* this sanctuary "as water spilt on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again," but should diligently use the means of revival and restoration which God has placed within our reach: assured that the Lord will arise and have mercy upon Zion, and that the time to favor her, yea, the set time will come, though it tarry, waiting for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry forever.

"For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that the tender branch thereof will not cease.


"Though the root thereof wax old in the earth, and the stalk thereof die in the ground;

"Yet through the scent of water it will bud, and bring forth boughs like a plant."

### **Bristol County.**

#### *St. Thomas's Church, Taunton.*

The Rev. Thomas H. Vail, D.D., resigned the Rectorship of this Parish, Oct. 4th, 1863, and the Rev. Robert C. Rogers, of Little Falls, N. Y., accepted the same, May 8th, 1864. On account of this vacancy in the Rectorship, and the consequent imperfection of the Parish records, some errors may exist in the following statistics.



Baptisms, (infants 23, adults 4.) 27. Communicants—Added, 22; Died or removed, 36 (some of these may have removed in previous years, but their names had not been erased from the roll;) Present number, 251; Confirmed, 21; Marriages, 5; Burials, 23; Sunday Schools (the Parish school, Oakland Branch, and Hopewell Branch) — Teachers, &c., 60; Scholars, 395. Missionary and charitable contributions — Massachusetts Church Missionary Society, \$16.27; Nashota, \$25; China (from Sunday school), \$20; Africa, do., \$20; American Bible Society, \$110; Sanitary Commission, \$100; Sunday School purposes, \$65.36; Communion Alms (estimated), \$250.

The late Rector also made the following record upon the Parish Register, just before leaving for his new field of labor. "Among the many tokens of respect and kindness which I have received from the members of the Parish, I must be permitted to refer to the very liberal gift of \$1200, sufficient to cover all the expenses of my removal with my family, and leave a considerable balance for other needs. And I should be unjust to my own feelings of gratitude if I should neglect to mention the generous deposit of \$600, in the Savings Bank in this town, by two families of the Parish, for the benefit of my little blind boy."

During the past year, church service has been regularly maintained by a lay-reader at a new station (Hopewell Village), the average attendance upon which has been about 50. A Sunday School has been commenced which already has an average attendance of 63 Teachers and Scholars, and a library of about 200 books. Two such stations are now maintained in the immediate vicinity, chiefly by laymen, and there is much need of an active, earnest and faithful Deacon to labor among us.

EDMUND H. BENNETT,  
E. L. BAYLIES,

*Wardens.*



*Grace Church, New Bedford.*

THE REV. JAMES MULCHAHEY, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 12, adult 1,) 13. Communicants—Added, 24; Died or removed, 18; Present number, 186; Confirmed, 8; Marriages, 16; Burials, 19; Sunday School Teachers, 18; Scholars, 140. Missionary contributions, without the Parish, General Domestic, \$28; Diocesan, \$50; Dr. Breck's Mission, \$29.28; Bible and Prayer-Book Society, \$50; Soldiers' Relief, \$24; Widows' and Orphans' Fund, \$12. Total, \$193.28. Within the Parish — Communion offerings, \$182.14; Sunday School and Parochial purposes, \$500. Total, \$682.14.

The Parish is united and steadily strengthening. What we specially need now is an increase of zeal for Church-work at home and for Missions abroad. May God increase this grace among us!

*Church of the Ascension, Fall River.*

THE REV. A. M. WYLIE, Rector.

I entered upon my duties in this Parish upon the first Sunday of September last.

This report, accordingly, so far as pertains to my own official acts, embraces a period of a little less than seven months.

Congregation. — Families and individuals having pews or sittings, 77. How many persons these represent I am not able to state. Besides these, there are quite a number who attend the services with more or less regularity, and a still larger number who seldom or never attend, but call for the rites and offices of the Church.

Confirmed, — Presented by the Rev. Mr. Porter before my taking charge — 12.

Communicants — Died or removed, 8; Present number, as

nearly as can be ascertained with accuracy, 95. Baptisms, (infants 20, adult 1,) 21. Marriages, 9; Funerals, 12.

Services — I have been in the habit of holding three services on Sunday, giving an expository lecture in the evening, and holding a Missionary meeting once in each month. Sunday services, 75; Lectures and services on other days, including a teachers' meeting once a fortnight, 15.

I have not found it expedient to hold regular services during the week, for the reason that most of the congregation are connected with the mills, and work till so late an hour as to prevent their convenient attendance upon the working days.

The children of the Sunday school I catechize on the first Sunday of each month, and with less formality on frequent occasions.

Sunday School—Teachers, 20; Scholars, 200, with an average attendance of about 150.

Collections — Communion Alms, \$39.18; Foreign Missions, \$14; Domestic, \$11; Thanksgiving offering for the poor \$9.63; To Christian Commission, \$14; Sunday School offering for Missions and other purposes, \$32.55; Easter offering for Sunday School books, \$60. Total, \$180.86.

In addition to the above, the accommodations of the Sunday School have been enlarged, at a cost of \$918; church-debt of \$300 paid, and other outlays made to the extent of \$690.42; making a total of \$1903.42. And a grand total, including all the collections till Easter Day, of \$2083.78.\*

I regret to state that the Parish has been deprived of a great share of its already limited pecuniary strength by the removal to another field of one who has been, not only in wordly means, but in a still higher respect, a fast friend of the Church.

\* In addition to the foregoing, there have been sustained during most of the fall and winter months two sewing circles, in which the ladies have done much for the Sunday School, and in clothing and otherwise aiding the poor.

## *Appendix.*

### *Christ Church, Swansea.*

THE REV. N. W. MONROE, Late Rector.

Communicants, 10; Catechumens, 30; Teachers, 5; Marriages, 2; Burials, 2.

My last public act in this Parish was in February last, just a year from the time that I assumed its duties as its Pastor.

I have been engaged since in officiating, temporarily, at Emmanuel Church, Bellows Falls, Vt., in behalf of its Rector.

### **Nantucket County.**

[No Report.]

### **Worcester County.**

#### *St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville.*

THE REV. SAMUEL S. SPEAR, Rector.

The present Rector took charge of the Parish, Jan. 1st, 1864, and reports only for the time he has been in charge.

Burials, 3; Communicants, 43; Sunday School Scholars, 40; Teachers, 8; Offertory, \$8.26. Missions — Diocesan, \$1.50; Foreign, \$5; Sunday School, besides the library mentioned below, \$6.45.

A new library for the Sunday School, together with a new carpet, two chancel chairs, and a communion table, all of appropriate and tasteful design, have been purchased at a cost of \$200, most of which has already been paid; the remainder is pledged by responsible persons within the Parish. They were used for the first time Easter day.

Many thanks are due to a friend in Boston, who showed his

interest in the Parish, and love for the Church of Christ, by not only procuring the furniture at nearly sixty dollars less than the market value, but also giving twenty-five dollars in money towards the amount of the bill.

Kind friends in Worcester, particularly the choir of All Saints, merit our gratitude for words of encouragement and acts of kindness.

The affairs of the Parish are assuming a more cheerful aspect, and we hope, with God's blessing, to go on and prosper.

*All Saints' Church, Worcester.*

THE REV. WILLIAM R. HUNTINGTON, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 4, adults 3,) 7. Communicants — Added, 11; Died or removed, 9; Present number, 133; Confirmed, 13; Marriages, 6; Burials, 15. Sunday School — Teachers, 21; Scholars, 112. Contributions — Foreign Missions, \$18.50; Domestic Missions, \$7.87; Diocesan Missions, \$51.20; Communion Alms, \$216.61; American Bible Society, \$34; United States Christian Commission, \$52.08. Total of all contributions since the last Convention, \$380.26.

During six months of the past year, while the Rector was necessarily absent, his place was supplied with efficiency and acceptance by the Rev. Samuel S. Spear. The Rector resumed his duties on All Saints' Day. The church is at present undergoing an enlargement that will provide 125 additional sittings, and also accommodate a new organ, of which the Parish has for some time stood in need.

*Christ Church, Clappville.*

THE REV. W. B. COLBURN, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants, 4.) Communicants—Added, 3; Present

number, 57; Confirmed, 3; Marriages, 2; Burials, 4. Sunday School — Superintendent, 1; Teachers, 8; Scholars, 81; average attendance during the year, 62. Collections — Diocesan Missions, \$5; Communion Alms, \$27.71; Sunday School, for various objects, \$93.65; Soldiers' Relief Society, in money and hospital stores, \$186. Total, \$262.36.

The present condition of this Parish presents to view much that is eminently encouraging. The Sunday services have been well attended, and the solemn liturgy of the Church has been used with much apparent devotion. The more informal evening services, occasionally held, have been the means of drawing together large numbers, composed mostly of children and youth. Perhaps the most agreeable feature in our pastoral work is found in the Sunday School, the largest known in this Parish for the past twenty-five years. An entirely novel source of interest consisted in the introduction, by the Rector, of a Christmas tree and festival. Upon the evening of Christmas Day two trees were heavily laden with a profusion of tasteful gifts for the children, much to the gratification of the scholars and all intelligent members of the Parish. The cheering signs of life and interest manifested during the past year, give hopeful promise, unless unpropitious circumstances should mar our present prospects.

*St. John's Church, Millville.*

THE REV. GEORGE RUMNEY, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 8, adults 3,) 11. Communicants—Added, 15; Died, 3; Removed, 9; Present number, 88. Confirmed, 11; Marriages, 3; Burials, 8; Sunday School Scholars, 106. Contributions — Foreign Missions, \$6.40; Domestic Missions, \$8.84; Diocesan Missions, \$8.20; Sunday School Easter offering for Breck Mission, \$17.25; Episcopal fund, \$3; Convention fund, \$7; Communion Alms, \$42; Parsonage fund, \$1800. Total, \$1892.69.

In my last report, I mentioned that a lot of land had been purchased for a Rectory, and that the Parish designed to build during the approaching summer. It now gives me pleasure to state that the work has been completed, and the Rector moved into the new and commodious house in December last. This supplies a want which, in years past, has been deeply felt, and makes the Parish complete in all its appointments. To carry on the work, the sum of eighteen hundred dollars has already been raised, half of which was given by the Millville Manufacturing Company.

In behalf of the Parish, I would also gratefully acknowledge the receipt of one hundred and fifty dollars from the Blackstone Manufacturing Company.

*Grace Church, West Brookfield.*

[No Report.]

*St. Mark's Church, Southborough.*

THE REV. A. C. PATTERSON, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 3. Communicants — Added, 2 ; Died or removed, 2 ; Present number, 12 ; Burials, 2. Missionary contributions — Diocesan, \$12.74. Other contributions — within the Parish, \$1051.82 ; without, \$21.30.

The beautiful little church of stone, costing (without organ and furniture), \$5600, was consecrated on the 16th of June last. It is, by the conditions on which the lot was given, to be forever free to all.

An appointment for confirmation having been interrupted by the consecration, June 16th, 1863, and not being renewed till June 13th, 1864, there has been no confirmation during the year.

Of the total of offerings, \$1097.60, there were contributed towards the organ \$151.64; The Alms Chest, by Henry M. Parker, Esq., \$23; Stalls for the chancel, by H. H. Burnet, Esq., \$40; Lecturn, by Mrs. Jones, \$20; Prayer-Desk, by Miss Jones, \$20; Oxford folio Bible, by Mrs. Cutter; Prayer-Book for the desk, by Mrs. M. B. Green; Altar-service, by Mrs. A. C. Patterson; for the poor, by Alms Chest and Christmas offering, \$42.88.

*Christ Church, Fitchburg.*

[Not in union with the Convention.]

THE REV. HENRY L. JONES, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 15, adults 11,) 26. Communicants—Added, 34; Removed, 2; Present number, 46; Confirmed, 14; Burials, 7. Sunday School—Teachers, 10; Scholars, 60. Collections—Domestic Missions, \$34.50; Foreign Missions, \$2; American Bible Society, \$10.85; Other charitable objects, \$117.50.

This Parish was organized October 7th, 1863, under the name of Christ Church.

An eligible site has been purchased for a building-lot. We have very great reason to be thankful for progress in the past, and to be hopeful as to the future.

God has blessed us in things temporal and spiritual. The American Church Missionary Society have thus far given us very liberal assistance. The building of a church will, by Divine permission, be commenced during the coming season. Heartfelt prayers and liberal activity on the part of our Christian brethren will hold up our hands, and with God's blessing perfect the work begun.

*St. John's Church, Oxford.*

[Not in union with the Convention.]

THE REV. WM. F. LHOYD, Rector.

This Church was organized May 10th, 1864. Services were commenced here, with a view to this organization, in July last. Different brethren visited and officiated from Sunday to Sunday, until the present Rector took charge, Oct. 11, 1863.

The promise for a strong Parish is very encouraging.

False impressions, such as usually prevail where our Church has had no previous existence, are rapidly being removed. The earnest presentation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in its simple Evangelical purity, will always find favor, no matter what Church organization presents it. We are preparing to erect a stone church. The lot is purchased, and plans are in the architect's hands.

Baptism, 1 ; Confirmed, 2 ; Communicants, 6 ; Marriages, 2 ; Burials, 5. Contributions — For Sunday School, \$54 ; Ladies' Sewing Society for supplying clothing to children, \$21. So far subscribed towards church edifice, \$45.

*Trinity Church, Milford.*

[Not in union with the Convention.]

Under the designation above given a Parish has been formed in the town of Milford, based upon the doctrines and usages of the Protestant Episcopal Church. During the last summer, services were held occasionally there. Later in the season they were sustained regularly, under the patronage of the Church Missionary Society of this Diocese — and, since the first of December last, the Rev. Henry Adams, of the Diocese of Ohio, has been constantly engaged in this field, and under the same patronage. The town contains some ten thousand people, and the



business is mainly boot manufacturing. The town needs a great deal more Christian effort than is devoted to it, and the Episcopal Missionary there is cordially greeted by other Christian organizations to the work of Evangelization. His congregations average nearly one hundred in the morning, and frequently exceed this number; and in the evenings the number is about doubled, and sometimes more than doubled.

The Holy Communion has been administered five times, and the number of communicants has been from seventeen to twenty; but the number of persons who are identified with the movement and who have Church-relations, is about thirty-five. A Sunday School, with a Bible-class connected, numbering as teachers and scholars fifty to sixty persons, is in operation. Two regular mid-week services are held, and are well attended, one of which is for children and young persons, and though conducted responsively, they sustain their part of the service without any aid. There have been eight baptisms during the winter, and probably a class for confirmation will be ready during the summer.

This new Parish appeals strongly to the benevolent, as it so happens that the mass of the wealth of the town is collected together into the original congregation, and the rest are all more or less feeble — and yet doubtless the Episcopal Church will be well sustained, as soon as it can get a foothold and get the appliances of the Church.

### **Hampden County.**

#### *Christ Church, Springfield.*

THE REV. GEORGE H. MCKNIGHT, Rector.

Baptisms (infants 18, adults 13) 31. Marriages, 12; Deaths, 17; Confirmed, 11. Communion — Added and received, 32. Collections — Missions, Domestic, \$110; Diocesan, \$168.75; For Soldiers, \$49.31; Bibles for Soldiers, \$36.32; Church Bell, \$100.88; Society for the Increase of the ministry, \$100;

Sunday School, \$29.06; Protestant Episcopal Tract Society, \$5; Bible and Prayer Book Society, \$10; Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, \$15; Margaret Coffin Prayer Book Society, \$15; Communion Alms, \$422.46. Total, \$1061.78.

In addition to the above amount, the Ladies' Sewing Society has raised \$81.65, \$70 of which were given to St. Paul's Church, Holyoke, for a lecturn and pulpit.

*Church of the Atonement, Westfield.*

[Not in union with the Convention.]

THE REV. ANDREW MACKIE, Rector.

The first Sunday service was held on the 21st day of June, A. D. 1868. The Parish was duly organized on the first day of July following, since which time the regular services of our Church have been held twice on each Lord's Day, and once on the great Feast and Fast Days, including those days set apart for special worship by the President of the United States, and the Governor of this Commonwealth.

There is no church building, but instead thereof a new chapel, built by a Universalist Society, has been hired at the rate of \$125 a year, and has been properly refitted and furnished to suit our present necessities. A Sunday School was organized on the 2d day of August.

The present Rector officiated for the first time on Septuagesima Sunday, 24th January, 1864, on the evening of which day he was requested by the Vestry, *unanimously*, to ask the Bishop of the Diocese to take the entire control of the new Parish into his own hands, and to appoint over it a minister, who should have charge until Easter. Accordingly, the present incumbent was appointed by the Bishop, and entered upon his duties on Quinquagesima Sunday. On Easter Monday he, with the Bishop's consent and approbation, accepted a unanimous call to the Rectorship. He begs leave to report as follows, from the organization of the Parish up to this present:—

*Appendix.*

~~.....~~ 3), 16. Communicants, 20;  
~~.....~~ Scholars, about 30. Contributions,  
~~.....~~ 2. The Parish numbers 23 families  
~~.....~~ The seats in the chapel are free.  
~~.....~~ state in conclusion, that the prospects of  
~~.....~~ in most respects, quite encouraging. Out of  
~~.....~~ most alarming troubles, we have been, as we  
~~.....~~ Holy Spirit, safely extricated; but upon our gar-  
~~.....~~ still the smell of fire. At one time we had the  
~~.....~~ an irreparable wreck; but, through God's instru-  
~~.....~~ we were repaired, and with Christ Jesus for our pilot,  
~~.....~~ again ventured to put to sea. If God continues to be-  
~~.....~~ His gracious blessings, we have faith to believe  
~~.....~~ Divine Helmsman will guide us into the haven where  
~~.....~~ be.

Financially we are weak. Our subscription paper foots up only  
enough to pay *half* of our expenses for this coming year. For  
the balance, we are looking to the Massachusetts Church Mis-  
sionary Society, and to outside friends. We greatly need books  
for the Sunday School library, and a surplice and gown. But  
silver and gold is the Lord's. Sure are we, that if we are  
true in faith toward Him, He will be lavish of His gifts to us.  
Our constant prayer is, LORD JESUS, INCREASE OUR FAITH!

**Hampshire County.**

[No Report.]

**Franklin County.**

*St. James's Church, Greenfield.*

THE REV. P. V. FINCH, Rector.

Baptisms (infants 10, adults 5,) 15. Confirmed, 6. Com-



municants — Added, 5 ; Died, 5 ; Present number, 129. Burials — Adults, 8 ; infants, 3 ; Marriages, 2. Sunday School — Scholars, 80 ; Teachers, 9. Collections — For Sunday School, \$37.86 ; Missions, \$24 ; Offertory, \$74.38. In addition to collections, about \$1200 have been paid on the debt and expenses on parsonage house. Total, \$1336.24.

The above statistics, though in the main correct, may be erroneous in some particulars. The number of communicants, for instance, though not less, may be larger than that reported. The present Rector having but recently taken charge of the Parish, which, previous to his coming, had been without a pastor for several months, trusts that he may be pardoned for any inaccuracy in his report.

### **Berkshire County.**

#### *St. Luke's Church, Lanesborough.*

THE REV. S. BRENTON SHAW, Rector.

Baptisms (infants 3, adults 6), 9. Communicants—Added, 15 ; Died or removed, 5 ; Present number, 70 ; Confirmed, 13 ; Marriages, 2 ; Burials, 14 ; Sunday School, 50. Contributions — Diocesan Missions, \$13.50 ; Domestic Missions, \$15 ; Sunday School, \$11 ; Bible Society, \$20 ; Repairs on Parsonage, \$300 ; Soldiers' Aid, \$60 ; Other religious purposes, \$81.50. Total, \$500.

The death and removal of some of its members have somewhat affected this Parish ; its general condition, however, is prosperous.

#### *St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield.*

[No Report.]

*St. James's Church, Great Barrington.*

THE REV. JOHN T. HUNTINGTON, Rector.

Baptisms (infants 9, adults 5), 14. Communicants—Added, 15; Present number about 100; Confirmed, 11; Marriages, 3; Burials, 5. Sunday School Scholars, 130; Missionary Contributions—Diocesan Missions, \$50.02; Other contributions for religious purposes; For special missionary objects, \$30; National Freedman's Association, \$42.95; To constitute the Rector a life-member of Sunday School Union, \$30; To Sunday School Union and Church Book Society, \$41.18; To Parish Library, \$26.42; Easter offering, \$51; Children's offering, \$43. Total, \$314.59.

The Sunday Schools connected with the Parish have been successful, and promise much for the future growth and prosperity of the Church in this portion of the Diocese.

*Trinity Church, Van Deusenville.*

THE REV. J. A. PENNIMAN, Rector.

Baptisms (infants 2, adults 3), 5. Confirmed, 3; Communicants, 41; Marriages, 2; Burials (4 outside of Parish) 10; Sunday School Scholars, 45; Teachers, 6. Foreign Missions, \$14; Domestic Missions, \$14; Diocesan Missions, \$30; Other Communion offerings, \$57.08.

The sum of \$3100 has been subscribed by members of this Parish, to build a new church during the present year.

*St. Andrew's Church, New Boston.*

[No Report.]

*St. Paul's Church, Otis.*

[No Report.]

*St. Paul's Church, Stockbridge.*

THE REV. S. P. PARKER, D.D., Rector.

Communicants — Added, 4; Died or removed, 16; Present number, 60; Marriages, 3; Burials, 9; Sunday School Scholars, 50. Missionary Contributions — Foreign, \$15; Domestic, \$15; Diocesan, \$100; Poor Fund, \$110; Offertory, not included in collections specified, \$51.42; Sunday School, \$52; Parish purposes, \$110.67; Sanitary Commission, \$119.25; A member for East Tennessee, \$10; Donations—Church Union, \$10; St. Stephen's House, \$5.00; Church Missionary Society, \$12.50; American Chapel, Paris, \$5. Total, \$605.27.

The village of Stockbridge has been depleted by the war, and by other causes to such an extent, that the endowed academy, heretofore prosperous, has been closed. This fact explains the meagre statistics of the Parish in the present report. The losses of the Church by removal and death have exceeded in proportion the losses in our community. But, notwithstanding the diminution of our numbers in the Parish proper, the people have contributed more freely to missions and other Christian works, than ever before. The system of stated and universal contributions of small sums by subscription-tickets, has quadrupled our usual missionary offering.

The community of the manufacturing village of South Lee, one mile and a half distant, in which the Rector has conducted a flourishing Sunday School, and has been preaching at extra hours the past few years, has invited him to establish the full services of the Church among them, at the regular hours of worship. This adds another to the late instances in Massachusetts, in which a whole community ask for our Church.

*Trinity Church, Lenox.*

THE REV. JUSTIN FIELD, Rector.

Baptisms, 1. Communicants — Added, 2; Present number, 42; Confirmed, 2. Contributions—For Christian Commission, \$169; For Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, \$25.

Since the last Convention a stone font has been presented by Mrs. Stebbins, and chairs for the chancel by Mrs. Schermerhorn.

*St. George's Church, Lee.*

[No Report.]

*St. John's Church, North Adams.*

THE REV. ROBERT WEEKS, Rector.

Baptisms during the past year (infants 10, adult 1), 11. Confirmed, 8. Communicants — Added, 8; Present number, about 68, in all the stations of my mission. Sunday School officers and teachers, 20; Children, 90. Total, 110.

Contributions aside from pew-rents — For parish purposes, \$50.71; Domestic Missions, \$10; Diocesan Missions, \$33.01; Collections through Offertory, \$25. Total, \$118.72.

This report includes the statistics of South Adams, where services are still regularly held.

I have also to report that, during the past summer, monthly services were held at Williamstown, the seat of Williams College. The attendance and interest were very gratifying, and predictive, we trust, of good things to come for the Church there. The services are to be continued, Providence permitting, during the coming season.



**Barnstable County.***Church of the Messiah, Wood's Hole.*

*To the Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts :*

The undersigned, at the period of the last annual Convention, was officiating at Holmes's Hole under an appointment as Missionary, in Martha's Vineyard Sound, of the American Church Missionary Society.

Early in June last, I accepted an invitation from the Vestry of the Church of the Messiah at Wood's Hole, to take charge of that Parish ; and commenced my labors there, holding still my supervision over the former field. The condition and prospects of the work, in both fields, are encouraging.

I have to report—Church of the Messiah :

Baptisms (infants 6, adults 2,) 8 ; Marriage, 1 ; Burials, 4. Communicants—Added, 5 ; Present number, 16.

JOHN WEST.

*Wood's Hole, May 16, 1864.*

*St. John's Church, Sandwich.*

[No Report.]

*To the Bishop of the Diocese :*

I respectfully report that, since the last Convention, I have been regularly occupied in the discharge of my duties as Chaplain of the Boston Navy Yard.

I have performed divine service and preached twice, with very few exceptions, on every Sunday in the chapel of the Yard, and have administered the Holy Communion the first Sunday in



every month, I have visited the sick and disabled seamen in the Naval Hospital at Chelsea, regularly, three times a week, and, when occasion has required, more frequently. I have continued the distribution of Bibles and religious tracts at the hospital, and have, as opportunities have offered, furnished them for ships fitted out at this naval station.

Baptisms, 3; Communicants, 7; Burials, 17; Marriages, 2.

M. B. CHASE, *Chaplain U. S. Navy.*

*To the Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D.D., }  
Bishop of Massachusetts :*

I respectfully report that the record of my ministerial duties for the conventional year just closed, is generally the same as that of the year previous.

I have continued to officiate, as before, on board of the U. S. Ship Ohio, at the Navy Yard, Charlestown. The Margaret Coffin Prayer Book Society of this Diocese, and the Protestant Episcopal Tract Society, of New York, have very kindly furnished me with some Prayer Books and Tracts, which have been distributed among the men, at several times, and were gladly and thankfully received by them. I have only regretted that the supply was by no means adequate to meet the demand.

I have also continued to aid, "as much as in me lieth," the Minister of St. Stephen's chapel, in his faithful and laborious ministrations among the poor in this city. I have preached every Sunday afternoon, and assisted in the daily service of morning and evening prayer on week days. I have visited all the families of the Parish frequently, as well as the poor, the sick, and the destitute generally, as occasion required.

The Baptisms, Burials, and Marriages performed by me are all included in the Report of the Minister of St. Stephen's Chapel.

JOHN L. WATSON, *Chaplain U. S. Navy.*

*Boston, May 18th, 1864.*

To the Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D.D., }  
 Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts : }

I have preached in behalf of the American Bible Society during the past conventional year, in the following churches, viz :

*Massachusetts*.—St. Thomas's Church, Taunton ; St. Michael's Church, Marblehead ; St. Peter's Church, Salem ; Christ Church, Plymouth ; All Saints' Church, Worcester ; Grace Church, Newton ; Christ Church, Waltham ; Grace Church, Lawrence ; St. Thomas's Church, Somerville ; St. Paul's Church, Newburyport ; Christ Church, Springfield ; St. John's Church, Jamaica Plain ; St. James's Church, Roxbury ; St. Paul's Church, Boston ; St. Matthew's Church, South Boston ; Christ Church, Boston ; Emmanuel Church, Boston ; Trinity Church, Boston ; St. John's Church, Framingham ; Grace Church, Boston ; St. Paul's Church, Dedham ; St. Mary's Church, Boston ; St. Peter's Church, Cambridgeport ; St. Paul's Church, Brookline ; Church of the Epiphany, Brighton ; Church of the Ascension, Fall River.

*Rhode Island*.—St. John's Church, Providence ; Grace Church, Providence ; Christ Church, Westerly.

*Connecticut*.—Christ Church, Bridgeport.

*Vermont*.—St. Michael's Church, Brattleboro' ; Christ Church, Guilford ; St. Andrew's Church, Norwich.

*New Hampshire*.—St. Thomas's Church, Hanover.

*New York*.—St. Luke's Church, Rochester ; Church of the Evangelists, Oswego ; St. John's Church, Troy ; Christ Church, Troy ; Christ Church, Brooklyn ; Chapel at Gowanus ; Church of the Mediator, New York ; Church of the Epiphany, New York ; St. Mark's Church, New York ; Church of the Holy Communion, New York ; St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn ; St. Thomas's Church, Ravenswood ; Chapel at Hunter's Point ; Christ Church, Manhasset ; Christ Chapel, Roslyn ; Christ Church, North Brooklyn ; Church of the Messiah, Brooklyn ; St. George's Church, Flushing.

*New Jersey*.—St. Michael's Church, Trenton ; St. Paul's Church, Trenton.

*Pennsylvania.*—St. Paul's Church, Sheltenham ; Holy Trinity, Philadelphia.

It is grateful to record that, amid the extraordinary calls for public charities in nearly every direction during the past year, there has been no diminution of interest or effort in extending the circulation of God's Word either at home or abroad.

Our vast army furnishes a constant demand. The new levies going forward by thousands to the field, and those whose Testaments have been worn out or lost, have required in the Society a constant vigilance to keep them fully supplied. The destitute in the border States, the freedmen of the South, and the deluded victims of folly within the rebel lines, have received freely and without distinction of our generous charity. The catholicity of the Society's purpose and spirit has been clearly tested. Our work is limited by nationality, by no foreign or domestic hostilities, by no religious dogmas, by no social distinctions or ranks. We aim simply to bring the human soul into living contact with the Word of God, believing that, in his all-controlling Providence, it will surely accomplish its benign purpose.

EDMUND F. SLAFTER.

*To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese :*

The undersigned has to report, that he has been on duty in the "Foster General Hospital," Newbern, N. C., regularly during the past year, attending to the spiritual wants of the patients, and the burial of the dead. He has also preached twice each Lord's Day ; in the morning in Christ Church, and in the afternoon in the chapel of the hospital. These services have been uniformly well attended.

I have, during the year, baptized 9 persons, married 18 couples, and attended 142 funerals.

J. HILL ROUSE,  
*Chaplain U. S. A.*

*To the Bishop of the Diocese :*

After another year of infirm health, rendering my hold on life at times very precarious, and obliging me to desist from public ministrations almost entirely, I have no special services to report.

GEORGE C. SHEPARD.

*Boston, May 18, 1864.*

*To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts :*

During the last conventional year, the undersigned has officiated as follows : In the Church of the Ascension, Fall River, one Sunday ; Calvary, Danvers, one ; Trinity, Boston, one ; St. John's, Framingham, one ; St. Mark's, Boston, five ; Church of the Messiah, Boston, two ; St. James's, Roxbury, two ; St. Peter's, Cambridgeport, three ; St. Mary's, Newton Lower Falls, one ; House of Correction, South Boston, one ; Trinity, Haverhill, one ; St. John's, Wilkinsonville, one ; St. Stephen's, Lynn, one ; Missionary Station, Milford, one ; Grace, Salem, one ; Missionary Station, Wrentham Centre, two ; St. John's, Gloucester, one.

For the congregation at Ipswich, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. All of the foregoing in this State. In Christ Church, Gardiner, one Sunday ; in Methodist Meeting-house, Pittston, one ; both in the State of Maine. In St. Thomas's Church, Dover, and in St. John's Church, Portsmouth, one Sunday each, both in the State of New Hampshire.

During the same time he has baptized three infants, and solemnized one marriage.

WM. S. BARTLET.

*Chelsea, May 18, 1864.*

*To the Bishop of the Diocese :*

During the past year I have constantly officiated in vacant parishes, where services have been desired. With the exception of three Sundays spent in Maine, my labors have been confined to this Diocese. For about six months I was engaged with St.

Thomas's Church, Taunton. I have delivered 112 sermons and addresses; administered, or assisted in administering, the Holy Communion, 10 times; Baptized 6 persons; Officiated at three Burials; Married 2 couples; read services 157 times. All official acts performed by me have been duly reported.

B. F. DE COSTA.

*Boston, May 17, 1864.*

*To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts:*

I respectfully report engagement in the duties of the Ministry, on every Sunday, excepting six, officiating in public worship on sixteen other days, administration or assistance in the administration of the Holy Communion, twelve times, the preaching of fifty sermons, administration of the sacrament of baptism to two infants, and the solemnization of one marriage.

F. A. FOXCROFT.

*Hyde Park, May 17, 1864.*

*To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese:*

The undersigned respectfully reports that he has generally officiated on Sunday, during the past year, excepting a portion of the winter, when he was prevented by severe sickness.

A. CROSWELL.

*To the Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D.D., }  
Bishop of Massachusetts: }*

The undersigned respectfully reports that during the past conventional year, he has solemnized 1 marriage, preached 24 times, and performed such other clerical duty as his health would permit.

H. A. YARDLEY.

*Middletown, Conn., May 13, 1864.*

*To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts :*

I resigned the Rectorship of Grace Church, Malden, on the 3d of February last. Before my resignation, and since the last Convention, I have baptized 1 infant, and solemnized 1 funeral. The other general statistics of the Parish will be given in the report of the Senior Warden.

The Church has many obstacles to contend with here in its growth, but patience and perseverance may overcome them. They will reap in due time, if they faint not.

D. POTTER.

*To the Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D.D., }  
Bishop of the Diocese :*

Until the 2d Sunday after Easter of the past conventional year, I continued to be the minister in charge of Grace Church, Boston. In the month of September last, on one of the Ember Days, I was admitted to the Holy Order of Priests.

Since my resignation of the charge of Grace Church, Boston, I have, on two Sundays, supplied the pulpit in that church. The two following Sundays have supplied the pulpit in St. Thomas's Church, Taunton, and have since been regularly assisting the Rev. Wm. R. Pickman, in St. Peter's Church, Salem, and in St. Peter's Chapel, Beverly.

S. H. HILLIARD.

*Boston, May 18, 1864.*

*To the Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D.D., }  
Bishop of the Diocese :*

I beg to report as follows : —

I was admitted to Deacon's Orders on the 7th of November, 1863, and at once entered on the duties of assistant minister at Grace Church, Boston. My engagement with that Church having ended at Easter, 1864, I have since that time filled the place of temporary assistant at Trinity Church, Boston.

Since my ordination I have baptized 5 persons and have read the burial service, or assisted therein 4 times.

GEORGE L. LOCKE.

May 18, 1864.

*To the Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D.D., }  
Bishop of Massachusetts :*

Since my last report, I have performed and celebrated the following services—Preached, 139 times; administered the Holy Communion in public 23 times; in private twice. Total, 25 times; Baptisms (adults 4; Children, 6.) Total, 10.

EDWARD DE ZENG.

*To the Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D.D., }  
Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts :*

In compliance with the requisition of the Canon, the undersigned respectfully reports as follows:

From the 19th to the 25th Sunday after Trinity, I officiated in Parishes where my services were desired.

On the 1st Sunday in Advent I entered upon my duties in St. Paul's Church, Holyoke. I have baptized 2 children, solemnized 2 marriages and have officiated at 2 funerals.

JOSEPH KIDDER.

Boston, May 18, 1864.

*To the Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D.D., }  
Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts :*

Since receiving ordination at your hands, on the 12th day of April last, I have preached 6 sermons and assisted 3 times in administering the Holy Communion. From the time of my ordination I became the assistant of the Rev. F. D. Huntington,

D.D., Rector of Emmanuel Church, Boston. In that capacity I have engaged in various missionary services, in this city.

GEORGE DENHAM.

*Boston, May 18, 1864.*

*Office of the Church Review, No.  
37 Bible House, N. Y.*

*To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the  
Diocese of Massachusetts: }*

I am for the present residing in Brooklyn, L. I., and am connected with the "American Quarterly Church Review."

Very respectfully yours,

CHAS. W. HOMER.

*May 18, 1864.*

*To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese:*

The undersigned has aided his brethren of Boston and its vicinity to the extent of his ability in the services of the Church, during the conventional year, and has edited the Christian Witness and Church Advocate.

THEODORE W. SNOW.

*To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese:*

After my ordination as Deacon in May last, I preached in the Diocese as my services were required. During the fall and winter I was engaged in assisting the Bishop of Rhode Island, at Providence. I have preached 50 times, and assisted in the Holy Communion 12 times.

HENRY F. ALLEN.

*Andover, May 17, 1864.*



*To the Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D.D., }  
Bishop of Massachusetts: }*

The years to which I have attained, and the measure of physical strength still continued to me, scarce allow to expect other services of me than temporary supply of vacant parishes, and assistance occasionally rendered to Rectors of the churches. So I have been generally employed the past year, for the last six months, with scarcely an exceptional Sunday; more than elsewhere, at St John's Church, Boston.

As this is my first report since the mercy received, it may not be amiss here to acknowledge the new argument afforded me to work while the day lasts, in having been recalled from the gates of death, when lying at a point, as the nearest witnesses testified, beyond what they had known any one to be recalled to life.

Respectfully,

WM. WITHINGTON.

# Abstract of Parochial Reports. May, 1864.

| Churches.      | Rectors.             | Baptisms. |         |        | Communi-<br>cants. |                      |                   | Confirmed. | Marriages. | Burials. | Sunday School<br>Scholars. | Contributions for<br>religious purposes. |                            |        |
|----------------|----------------------|-----------|---------|--------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|------------|------------|----------|----------------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------|
|                |                      | Infants.  | Adults. | Total. | Added.             | Lost, or<br>removed. | Growth<br>Number. |            |            |          |                            | Without<br>the Par-<br>ish.              | Within<br>the Par-<br>ish. | Total. |
| St. James's    | D. G. Este, D. D.    | 26        | 1       | 27     | 7                  | 8                    | 58                | ...        | 2          | 9        | 72                         | \$10 00                                  | \$155 25                   |        |
| Christ         | B. B. Babbitt        | 6         | 5       | 10     | 11                 | 11                   | 115               | 11         | 5          | 18       | 115                        | 447 60                                   | 1143 91                    |        |
| St. John's *   | Vacant               | ...       | ...     | ...    | ...                | ...                  | 81†               | ...        | ...        | ...      | ...                        | ...                                      | ...                        | ...    |
| Trinity        | M. Eastburn, D. D.   | 10        | 1       | 11     | ...                | ...                  | 360               | 8          | 9          | 16       | 114                        | 13424 38                                 | 2016 24                    |        |
| Christ         | J. T. Burrill (D.D.) | 35        | 4       | 37     | 36                 | 21                   | 85                | 7          | 29         | 21       | 360                        | 25 00                                    | 145 79                     |        |
| St. Paul's     | W. R. Nicholson,     | 15        | ...     | 15     | ...                | ...                  | 400               | 6          | 8          | 7        | ...                        | 10116 85                                 | 1122 04                    |        |
| Grace          | Vacant               | 14        | 3       | 17     | ...                | ...                  | 200               | 33         | 4          | 17       | 192                        | 754 05                                   | 4789 26                    |        |
| Messiah        | G. M. Randall, D.D.  | 14        | 7       | 21     | 72                 | 88                   | 357               | 15         | 15         | 30       | 235                        | 5400 54                                  | 575 15                     |        |
| Advent         | J. A. Bolles, D.D.   | 36        | 17      | 53     | 40                 | 10                   | 526               | 22         | 21         | 43       | 200                        | 6292 08                                  | 17755 75                   |        |
| St. Mark's     | M. P. Suckney.       | ...       | ...     | ...    | ...                | ...                  | ...               | ...        | ...        | ...      | ...                        | ...                                      | ...                        | ...    |
| Emmanuel       | C. F. Knight (D.D.)  | 16        | 4       | 20     | ...                | ...                  | 291               | 10         | 7          | 12       | 167                        | 80 81                                    | 3723 88                    |        |
|                | F. D. Huntington,    | 45        | 11      | 56     | ...                | ...                  | 350               | 28         | 18         | 22       | 340                        | 6025 92                                  | 1285 00                    |        |
|                | G. Denham            | ...       | ...     | ...    | ...                | ...                  | ...               | ...        | ...        | ...      | ...                        | ...                                      | ...                        | ...    |
| St. Stephen's  | E. M. P. Wells, D.D. | 55        | ...     | 55     | ...                | ...                  | 300               | 17         | 38         | 39       | 170                        | 1145 68                                  | ...                        | ...    |
|                | J. L. Watson, D.D.   | ...       | 9       | 23     | ...                | ...                  | 108               | 14         | 10         | 15       | ...                        | ...                                      | ...                        | ...    |
| St. Mary's     | J. P. Robinson       | 23        | 1       | 53     | 29                 | 22                   | 187               | 5          | 13         | 31       | 200                        | 242 50                                   | 1046 11                    |        |
| St. Matthew's  | J. I. T. Coolidge    | 52        | 4       | 36     | ...                | ...                  | 160               | 10         | 10         | 12       | 159                        | 425 00                                   | 425 00                     |        |
| St. John's     | H. McClory           | 32        | 4       | 36     | ...                | ...                  | ...               | ...        | ...        | ...      | ...                        | ...                                      | ...                        | ...    |
| Seaman's Chapl | J. T. Burrill        | ...       | ...     | ...    | ...                | ...                  | 25                | ...        | ...        | ...      | ...                        | ...                                      | ...                        | ...    |
| Trinity*       | A. L. Baury          | ...       | ...     | ...    | ...                | ...                  | 20†               | ...        | ...        | ...      | ...                        | ...                                      | ...                        | ...    |
| Epiphany       | D. G. Haskins        | 5         | 3       | 8      | 20                 | 3                    | 50                | 8          | ...        | 2        | 47                         | 21 42                                    | 61 43                      |        |
| St. Paul's     | F. Wharton           | 8         | 1       | 9      | 53                 | 10                   | 150               | 21         | 3          | 9        | 140                        | 4813 85                                  | 595 00                     |        |
| Christ         | N. Hoppin, D.D.      | 25        | 2       | 27     | 44                 | 28                   | 244               | 14         | 7          | 20       | 174                        | 1169 42                                  | 1190 41                    |        |
| St. Peter's    | C. Seymour           | 7         | 1       | 8      | 7                  | ...                  | 70                | 8          | 2          | 14       | 155                        | ...                                      | 700 00                     |        |
| St. John's     | T. H. Lambert, D.D.  | 50        | 5       | 55     | ...                | ...                  | 302               | 21         | 22         | 33       | 250                        | 814 82                                   | 1218 46                    |        |
| St. Luke's*    | Vacant               | ...       | ...     | ...    | ...                | ...                  | ...               | ...        | ...        | ...      | ...                        | ...                                      | ...                        | ...    |
| St. Andrew's   | P. B. Morgan         | 14        | 4       | 18     | ...                | ...                  | 82                | 16         | 6          | 16       | 185                        | ...                                      | ...                        | ...    |
| Grace*         | Vacant               | ...       | ...     | ...    | ...                | ...                  | 30†               | ...        | ...        | ...      | ...                        | ...                                      | ...                        | ...    |
| Christ         | W. B. Colburn        | 4         | ...     | 4      | 3                  | ...                  | 57                | 3          | 2          | 4        | 90                         | 141 00                                   | 121 86                     |        |
| Calvary        | R. F. Chase          | 10        | 3       | 13     | 12                 | 8                    | 45                | 6          | 3          | 9        | 77                         | 95 23                                    | 233 72                     |        |
| St. Paul's     | S. B. Babcock        | 6         | 1       | 7      | 15                 | 20                   | 135               | 9          | 6          | 11       | 99                         | 639 18                                   | 180 21                     |        |
| St. Mary's     | W. H. Mills          | 22        | 4       | 26     | 24                 | 17                   | 131               | 14         | 2          | 16       | 118                        | 675 58                                   | 590 07                     |        |
| Christ         | A. H. Washburn       | 7         | 4       | 11     | ...                | ...                  | 39                | ...        | 2          | 3        | 62                         | 15 00                                    | 197 19                     |        |
| Ascension      | A. M. Wyllie         | 20        | 1       | 21     | ...                | ...                  | 8                 | 15         | 9          | 12       | 220                        | 71 55                                    | 2012 23                    |        |
| St. John's     | R. F. Alsop          | 2         | 11      | 13     | 1                  | 6                    | 55                | 21         | ...        | ...      | 63                         | 217 95                                   | 155 80                     |        |
| St. John's     | J. R. Peirce         | 2         | ...     | 2      | ...                | ...                  | ...               | ...        | ...        | ...      | ...                        | ...                                      | ...                        | ...    |
| St. James's    | J. T. Huntington     | 9         | 5       | 14     | 15                 | ...                  | 109               | 11         | 3          | 5        | 130                        | 214 15                                   | 160 44                     |        |
| St. James's    | P. V. Finch          | 10        | 5       | 15     | 5                  | ...                  | 129               | 6          | 2          | 11       | 80                         | 24 00                                    | 1812 24                    |        |
| St. Andrew's   | S. Cutler            | 1         | 2       | 3      | 3                  | 4                    | 105               | 2          | 2          | 6        | 50                         | 1108 58                                  | 82 35                      |        |
| Trinity        | C. H. Seymour        | 8         | 12      | 20     | 21                 | 8                    | 30                | 21         | 7          | 9        | 62                         | ...                                      | 508 56                     |        |
| St. Paul's     | A. L. Baury          | 2         | 4       | 6      | 10                 | ...                  | 30                | ...        | 3          | 30       | ...                        | 20 00                                    | 47 00                      |        |
| St. Luke's     | S. B. Shaw           | 3         | 6       | 9      | 15                 | 5                    | 70                | 13         | 2          | 14       | 50                         | 108 50                                   | 392 50                     |        |
| Grace          | G. Packard           | 47        | 10      | 57     | 27                 | 16                   | 152               | 13         | 11         | 29       | 341                        | 335 28                                   | 316 76                     |        |
| St. George's*  | Vacant               | ...       | ...     | ...    | ...                | ...                  | 50†               | ...        | ...        | ...      | ...                        | ...                                      | ...                        | ...    |
| Trinity        | J. Field             | 1         | ...     | 1      | 2                  | ...                  | 42                | 2          | ...        | ...      | ...                        | 194 00                                   | ...                        | ...    |
| St. Anne's     | T. Edison, D.D.      | 41        | 7       | 48     | 33                 | 38                   | 460               | 30         | 8          | 52       | 205                        | 636 00                                   | 269 00                     |        |
| St. John's     | C. B. Smith          | 29        | 2       | 31     | 14                 | 3                    | 118               | 11         | 6          | 12       | 145                        | 326 16                                   | 115 67                     |        |
| St. Stephen's  | G. S. Paine          | 14        | 2       | 16     | 17                 | 7                    | 92                | 8          | 3          | 7        | 92                         | 297 91                                   | 101 41                     |        |
| Grace          | Vacant               | ...       | ...     | ...    | ...                | ...                  | ...               | ...        | ...        | ...      | ...                        | ...                                      | ...                        | ...    |
| St. Michael's  | E. B. Chase          | 11        | ...     | 11     | 6                  | 4                    | 79                | 2          | 3          | 6        | 114                        | 117 18                                   | 321 39                     |        |
| Grace          | C. H. Learoyd        | 4         | 1       | 5      | 5                  | 4                    | 45                | ...        | ...        | ...      | 55                         | 68 50                                    | 791 31                     |        |
| Trinity        | J. B. Richmond       | 11        | ...     | 11     | 5                  | 1                    | 81                | ...        | 1          | 6        | 68                         | ...                                      | 126 84                     |        |
| St. John's     | G. Rumney            | 8         | 3       | 11     | 15                 | 12                   | 88                | 11         | 3          | 8        | 106                        | 50 70                                    | 1842 00                    |        |
| St. Paul's*    | Vacant               | ...       | ...     | ...    | ...                | ...                  | 25†               | ...        | ...        | ...      | ...                        | ...                                      | ...                        | ...    |
| Grace          | J. Mulchahey         | 12        | 1       | 13     | 24                 | 18                   | 156               | 8          | 16         | 19       | 158                        | 193 28                                   | 682 14                     |        |
| St. Andrew's*  | Vacant               | ...       | ...     | ...    | ...                | ...                  | 12†               | ...        | ...        | ...      | ...                        | ...                                      | ...                        | ...    |
| St. Paul's     | J. C. White          | 12        | ...     | 12     | ...                | ...                  | 175               | 12         | 2          | 17       | 123                        | 242 59                                   | 285 50                     |        |
| St. Mary's     | W. W. Sever          | 20        | 1       | 21     | 7                  | 11                   | 129               | 7          | 3          | 11       | 181                        | 228 86                                   | 231 01                     |        |
| Grace          | J. S. C. Greene      | 9         | ...     | 9      | 8                  | 25                   | 80                | 3          | 1          | 7        | 115                        | 493 48                                   | 515 10                     |        |
| St. John's     | R. Weeks             | 10        | 1       | 11     | 8                  | ...                  | 98                | 8          | ...        | ...      | 110                        | 43 01                                    | 75 70                      |        |
| St. John's*    | G. M. Bradley        | ...       | ...     | ...    | ...                | ...                  | 73†               | ...        | ...        | ...      | ...                        | ...                                      | ...                        | ...    |
| St. Paul's*    | Vacant               | ...       | ...     | ...    | ...                | ...                  | 18†               | ...        | ...        | ...      | ...                        | ...                                      | ...                        | ...    |
| St. Stephen's* | Vacant               | ...       | ...     | ...    | ...                | ...                  | 129†              | ...        | ...        | ...      | ...                        | ...                                      | ...                        | ...    |
| Christ         | W. H. Brooks, D. D.  | 5         | 1       | 6      | 8                  | ...                  | 31                | 0          | ...        | 2        | 44                         | 42 02                                    | 372 37                     |        |
| Christ         | H. Burroughs         | 4         | ...     | 4      | 6                  | 8                    | 58                | 3          | 3          | 8        | 40                         | 72 16                                    | 1173 68                    |        |
| St. James's    | G. S. Converse       | 56        | 4       | 60     | 29                 | 6                    | 241               | 25         | 6          | 26       | 408                        | 811 60                                   | 1241 94                    |        |
| St. John's     | W. R. Babcock        | 2         | 2       | 4      | 42                 | 13                   | 155               | 10         | 4          | 7        | 104                        | 1213 60                                  | 806 79                     |        |
| St. Peter's    | W. R. Pickman        | 20        | 10      | 30     | ...                | ...                  | 300               | 13         | 4          | 13       | 183                        | 1445 93                                  | 871 70                     |        |
| Grace          | G. D. Wildes         | 5         | 4       | 9      | 21                 | 10                   | 98                | 10         | 5          | 17       | 118                        | 227 50                                   | 1302 87                    |        |
| Emmanuel       | E. H. True           | 7         | 3       | 10     | ...                | ...                  | 34                | ...        | 2          | 2        | 57                         | ...                                      | 2190 00                    |        |
| St. Mark's     | A. C. Patterson      | 3         | ...     | 3      | 2                  | 2                    | 12                | ...        | ...        | ...      | ...                        | 34 04                                    | 1051 82                    |        |
| Christ         | G. H. McKnight       | 18        | 13      | 31     | 32                 | ...                  | 252               | 11         | 12         | 17       | ...                        | 473 09                                   | 588 72                     |        |
| St. Paul's     | S. P. Parker, D.D.   | ...       | ...     | ...    | 4                  | 16                   | 60                | ...        | 3          | 9        | 50                         | 291 55                                   | 813 72                     |        |
| Christ         | Vacant               | ...       | ...     | ...    | ...                | ...                  | 10                | ...        | 2          | 2        | 35                         | ...                                      | ...                        | ...    |
| St. Thomas's   | B. C. Rogers         | 23        | 4       | 27     | 22                 | 36                   | 251               | 21         | 5          | 23       | 455                        | 231 27                                   | 315 36                     |        |
| Trinity        | J. A. Ponninan       | 2         | 3       | 5      | ...                | ...                  | 41                | 8          | 2          | 10       | 51                         | 58 00                                    | 57 03                      |        |
| Christ         | T. F. Fales          | 7         | 6       | 13     | 11                 | 5                    | 108               | 6          | 4          | 18       | 78                         | 98 00                                    | 204 70                     |        |
| St. John's     | S. B. Spear          | ...       | ...     | ...    | ...                | ...                  | 48                | ...        | ...        | ...      | 8                          | 48                                       | 6 50                       | 14 71  |
| Messiah        | J. West              | 6         | 2       | 8      | 5                  | ...                  | 16                | ...        | 1          | 4        | ...                        | ...                                      | ...                        | ...    |
| All Saints'    | W. R. Huntington     | 4         | 8       | 7      | 11                 | 9                    | 128               | 13         | 6          | 15       | 183                        | 216 61                                   | 168 65                     |        |
|                |                      | 1002      | 226     | 1228   | 514                | 171                  | 9819              | 996        | 304        | 879      | 8001                       | 62978 88                                 | 54188 42                   |        |

\* No Report.

† Number last reported.

## DR. SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF WIDOWS AND ORPHANS

|          |                                                                | Charity Fund | Annuity Fund |
|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1883.    |                                                                |              |              |
| May 22   | For Amount paid the Widow of a late Clergyman of this Diocese, | 15 00        |              |
| June 10  | " " for 2 Certificates U. S. 5-20 loan, - - -                  | 500 00       | 500 00       |
| July 1   | " " for " Widow," as above, - - -                              | 15 00        |              |
| Sept. 17 | " " the Committee having charge of the suit in Michigan, - - - | 40 15        |              |
| Oct. 8   | " " " Widow," as above, - - -                                  | 15 00        |              |
| Dec. 28  | " " for a Certificate U. S. 5-20 loan, - - -                   | 500 00       |              |
| 1864.    |                                                                |              |              |
| Jan. 2   | " " " Widow," as above, - - -                                  | 15 00        |              |
| Feb. 11  | " " W. A. Hall, for circulars, - - -                           | 3 25         |              |
| April 1  | " " " Widow," as above, - - -                                  | 15 00        |              |
| April 12 | " " for \$400 U. S. 7-30 loan and accrued interest, - - -      |              | 449 73       |
| April 22 | " " for a Certificate U. S. 5-20 loan and accrued int. - - -   |              | 533 50       |
| May 5    | " " for Postage Stamps, 1863-4, - - -                          | 5 73         |              |
| May 10   | For balance on hand to new account:—                           |              |              |
|          | Charity Fund, - - -                                            | 220 16       |              |
|          | Annuity Fund, - - -                                            |              | 124 20       |
|          |                                                                | \$1344 29    | \$1806 43    |

The undersigned, as auditors, have examined the foregoing account, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

Boston, May, 18, 1864.

FRED. H. STIMPSON,  
HENRY BURROUGHS, JR.

The Funds are as follows:—

|              | Invested.   | Uninvested. | Total.      |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Charity..... | \$ 4,521.90 | \$220.16    | \$ 4,742.06 |
| Annuity..... | 17,128.02   | 124.20      | 17,252.22   |
|              | \$21,649.92 | \$344.36    | \$21,994.28 |



### **Society for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen.**

This Society owes its origin to female benevolence. In 1843 a report was made to the Convention that Mrs. Elizabeth Morse, wife of the Rector of St. Paul's Church, Newburyport, had left a legacy to the Society, from which four hundred and fifty dollars had been received, and also that the venerable relict of the late Rt. Rev. Edward Bass, D.D., first Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts, and for a long time Rector of the Church above named, had made the Society her residuary legatee. From this legacy one thousand three hundred and one dollars ninety-seven cents were realized. In 1858 one thousand dollars had been received from the estate of the late Mrs. Mary Jackson Smith, also a member of the parish before named.

It would hardly be a misnomer if the name of the Society should be changed to St. Paul's Parish, Newburyport Society for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church. The interest which female members of the parish named have taken in this worthy charity contrasts favorably with the apathy that has marked larger and much more wealthy churches.

The Diocese of Massachusetts is far behind other dioceses in providing for the wants of that meritorious class which our Society is attempting to provide for. In Pennsylvania a similar society has a funded capital of more than \$100,000. The New York Society has a capital exceeding that amount. In New Jersey there is a society whose capital is over \$30,000. While Massachusetts ought to have funded at least one half of the largest amounts above named, that the income may be devoted to the relief of families of those who formerly ministered in her parishes, she has gathered for such a purpose a fund very much below the smallest capital we have mentioned.

It was well said in a report to the Convention a few years since, "until the interest of the laity is fully awakened to the



importance of the Society, the work cannot be accomplished with any commensurate degree of success."

The second section of the By-Laws of the Society is as follows: "The widows and children of deceased clergymen who shall have paid the sum of five dollars, or the sum of ten dollars, or the sum of fifteen dollars, or the sum of twenty dollars, or the sum of twenty-five dollars annually, shall be entitled to an annuity of five times the amount of such annual contribution for twice the number of years during which it has been paid."

It appears from the "tables of rates" adopted by Life Insurance Companies, generally, that a person of the age of thirty-two years, in order to insure \$1000 on his life, must pay \$25 yearly. If he die after having made ten such payments their aggregate will be \$250, and his legal representatives will receive \$1000, yielding them, at the usual rates, \$60 *per annum*. But if he pay the same sum for the same time to this Society, and die, his family receive an annuity of \$125 for *twenty* years. Or should they wish to commute this income for a certain amount in hand, its cash value, according to competent authority,\* would be \$1,432.50. Thus it will at once be seen that this Society offers a far more liberal return for moneys invested than the usual Life Insurance Companies.

\* Milne, on Insurance. London, 1815, p. 649.

| Dr.     |                                                                                   | Clerical Fund Association in account with J. W. Clark, Treasurer. |         | Cr.                                         |          |
|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------------------------------------------|----------|
| 1863    |                                                                                   |                                                                   |         |                                             |          |
| Oct. 10 | To \$50 U. S. 7 3-10 Treasury note, bought 106 $\frac{1}{2}$ and accrued interest | \$53 34                                                           | June 1  | By Balance as per report rendered           | \$26 65  |
| 1864    |                                                                                   |                                                                   | Oct. 10 | Coupons on \$950 7 3-10 U. S. treas. notes  | 51 31    |
| Mar. 26 | \$150 U. S. 5-20 Bonds, bought 108 and accrued interest                           | 165 60                                                            |         | Coupons \$50 do. April, 1863                | 2 71     |
| May 21  | Paid Rev. Wm. Withington by order J. H. Clinch                                    | 50 00                                                             |         | Amount from St. Mary's, Dorchester          | 20 00    |
| June 1  | Paid Rev. W. P. Page by order J. H. Clinch                                        | 100 00                                                            | Dec. 26 | Amount from Emmanuel Church, Boston         | 63 00    |
|         |                                                                                   |                                                                   | 1864    | Coupons \$1000 7 3-10 U. S. treasury notes, | 61 32    |
|         |                                                                                   |                                                                   | Mar. 25 | \$250, due April 1, \$750 due Aug. 19, '63, | 3 75     |
|         |                                                                                   |                                                                   | Mar. 26 | Amount from Christ Church, Plymouth         | 5 00     |
|         |                                                                                   |                                                                   |         | " " Rev. Dr. Hoppin                         | 5 00     |
|         |                                                                                   |                                                                   |         | " " St. Mark's Ch., Southboro'              | 10 30    |
|         |                                                                                   |                                                                   | May 4   | \$100 U. S. 7 3-10 Bonds,                   | 106 00   |
|         |                                                                                   |                                                                   | " 17    | Coupons \$150 U. S. 5-20 Bonds              | 8 50     |
|         |                                                                                   |                                                                   | June 1  | Balance                                     | 10 40    |
|         |                                                                                   |                                                                   | " 1     |                                             | \$368 94 |
| 1864    |                                                                                   |                                                                   |         |                                             |          |
| June 1  | To Balance                                                                        | \$368 94                                                          |         |                                             |          |
|         |                                                                                   | \$10 40                                                           |         |                                             |          |

The Invested funds of the Association consist at this date of \$1000 U. S. 7 3-10 Treasury notes, and \$50 U. S. 5-20 bonds. Total, \$1050.

Boston, June 1, 1864.

At the request of the Treasurer, I have examined the above account, and find it correct. I have also seen the Government securities, in which the balance is invested, and find them to correspond with the account rendered.

(E. E.)

J. W. Clark, Treasurer.

For H. GAZDAR, Sec. Clerical Fund Assn.  
June 25th, 1864.

Dr.      BOARD OF MISSIONS TO SEAMEN in account with GEORGE A. BROWN, Treasurer.      Cr.

|                  |                                       |           |                  |                                                |           |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------|------------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1864.<br>May 17. | To Sundry payments to date, . . . . . | \$1685 78 | 1864.<br>May 17. | By Balance from 1863, . . . . .                | \$130 16  |
|                  | " Balance to new account . . . . .    | 112 70    | " 17.            | " Sundry donations and collections to date, .. | 1648 32   |
|                  |                                       |           |                  |                                                |           |
|                  |                                       | \$1778 48 |                  |                                                | \$1778 48 |

Boston, May 17, 1864.

(E. E.)

GEORGE A. BROWN,  
Treasurer Board of Missions to Seamen.



Appendix

STATE OF THE DIOCESE OF MASSACHUSETTS

|                                   |          |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| <del>James and Dillon</del> ..... | \$47 10  |
| <del>James and Dillon</del> ..... | 294 00   |
| <del>James and Dillon</del> ..... | 64 13    |
| <del>James and Dillon</del> ..... | 30       |
| <del>James and Dillon</del> ..... | 18 54    |
| <del>James and Dillon</del> ..... | 8 22     |
| <del>James and Dillon</del> ..... | 333 71   |
| <del>James and Dillon</del> ..... | \$795 71 |

~~I~~ we have examined and vouched for payments  
~~the~~ accounts and found the same correctly cast and

T. EDSON,  
 CHARLES H. PARKER.

**Canon of 1828,**

**AMENDED 1849.**

~~It is~~ the duty of the Treasurer to certify in his An-  
~~nu~~al report what Parishes have neglected to comply with the  
~~provisions~~ of this Canon," viz: one per cent on salary of its  
~~pastor~~ or five dollars annually if represented in Convention,  
~~and~~ a copy of a vote that they are unable to pay the same.

~~The~~ Treasurer has never received but one such "certified"  
~~copy~~ Many "represented" Parishes have not paid the "five  
~~dollars~~" and a few manifest no disposition to pay.

~~It~~ will be a satisfaction to those Parishes which have paid,  
~~and~~ their names in the following list, the inference being  
~~that~~ they have already paid.

~~Secretary.~~

~~John~~ Boston, two years.  
~~John~~ Boston, three years.  
~~John~~ Bridgeport, two years.

~~John~~  
~~John~~  
~~John~~

Lee.  
 Lenox.  
 Malden.  
 Melrose.  
 Pittsfield, many years.  
 Haverhill, three years.

~~Some~~ of the above are oversights; some have not seen, prob-  
~~ably~~ the notice in the *Witness*. We ought to receive \$175  
~~from~~ delinquents.

S. B. BABCOCK, *Treasurer*.

~~John~~ July 14, 1864.

*Appendix.*

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*in account with S. B. BABCOCK, Treasurer.*

**CR.**

| 1863.   |                                 | \$117 96 | 1863.   |                               |          |
|---------|---------------------------------|----------|---------|-------------------------------|----------|
| May 20, | Cash on hand - -                |          | May 20, | Lenox, Trinity - -            | \$ 6     |
|         | Amesbury, St. James's - -       | 8        |         | Lowell, St. Anne's - -        | 14       |
|         | Andover, Christ - -             | 2        |         | "    St. John's - -           | 19       |
|         | Ashfield, St. John's - -        | 25       |         | Lynn, St. Stephen's - -       | 6        |
|         | Advent, Boston - -              | 40       |         | Malden, Grace - -             | 8        |
|         | Christ " - -                    | 10       |         | Marblehead, St. Michael's - - | 9        |
|         | Emmanuel " - -                  | 18       |         | Medford, Grace - -            | 7        |
|         | Grace " - -                     | 15       |         | Melrose, Trinity - -          | 27       |
|         | Messiah " - -                   | 15       |         | Milford - -                   | 10       |
|         | St. John's " - -                | 50       |         | Milville, St. John's - -      | 7 50     |
|         | St. Mark's " - -                | 30       |         | Nantucket, St. Paul's - -     | 3        |
|         | St. Matthew's, Boston - -       | 20       |         | New Bedford, Grace - -        | 18       |
|         | St. Paul's, " - -               | 12       |         | New Boston, St. Andrew's - -  | 15       |
|         | Trinity - -                     | 15       |         | Newburyport, St. Paul's - -   | 25       |
|         | Bridgewater, Trinity - -        | 20       |         | Newton, Grace - -             | 6        |
|         | Brighton, Epiphany - -          | 12       |         | "    St. Mary's - -           | 13       |
|         | Brookline, St. Paul's - -       | 15       |         | North Adams, St. John's - -   | 12       |
|         | Cambridge, Christ - -           | 15       |         | Northampton, St. John's - -   | 15       |
|         | Cambridgeport, St. Peter's - -  | 15       |         | Oak, St. Paul's - -           | 1        |
|         | Charlestown, St. John's - -     | 15       |         | Oxford - -                    | 1 25     |
|         | Chelsea - -                     | 15       |         | Pittsfield, St. Stephen's - - | 6        |
|         | Chilcopee, Grace - -            | 15       |         | Plymouth, Christ - -          | 18       |
|         | Clayville, Christ - -           | 15       |         | Quincy, Christ - -            | 15       |
|         | Danvers, Calvary - -            | 15       |         | Roxbury, St. James's - -      | 15       |
|         | Dedham, St. Paul's - -          | 15       |         | Salem, Grace - -              | 15       |
|         | Dorchester, St. Mary's - -      | 15       |         | Salem, St. Peter's - -        | 15       |
|         | "    Christ - -                 | 15       |         | Somerville - -                | 6        |
|         | Fall River, Ascension - -       | 15       |         | Southboro', St. Mark's - -    | 25       |
|         | Framingham, St. John's - -      | 15       |         | Springfield, Christ - -       | 3        |
|         | Fitchburg - -                   | 15       |         | Stockbridge, St. Paul's - -   | 10       |
|         | Gloucester - -                  | 15       |         | Swansea, Christ - -           | 3        |
|         | Gt. Barrington, St. James's - - | 15       |         | Taunton, St. Thomas's - -     | 10       |
|         | Greenfield, St. James's - -     | 15       |         | Wendensville, Trinity - -     | 3        |
|         | Hanover, St. Andrew's - -       | 15       |         | Waltham, Christ - -           | 7        |
|         | Haverhill, Trinity - -          | 15       |         | Wilmington, St. John's - -    | 5        |
|         | Hopkinton, St. Paul's - -       | 15       |         | Worcester, All Saints' - -    | 17 50    |
|         | Jamaica Plain, St. John's - -   | 15       |         | "    " - -                    | 12 50    |
|         | Lanesboro', St. Luke's - -      | 15       |         | 1863. Total - -               | \$796 71 |
|         | Lawrence, Grace - -             | 15       |         |                               |          |
|         | Lee, St. George's - -           | 15       |         |                               |          |

Boston, May 19, 1864.

### **Report of the Treasurer of the Diocesan Board of Missions.**

The Treasurer of the Diocesan Board of Missions, in addition to his usual Annual Account, and Table of Missionary Contributions, has thought it would be useful to have upon record, for the convenience of future reference, the results of the financial operations of the Board, from its organization by the Diocesan Convention, A. D. 1836, to the Diocesan Convention of A. D. 1864, embracing a period of twenty-eight (28) years.

He has therefore prepared two statements: 1. Showing the Amount of Contributions, to the Treasury of the Board, by each of the several Parishes in the Diocese, and also the amount of individual Contributions in the aggregate. The whole amount of receipts by the Treasury being \$80,218.38, showing an average amount of receipts per year of about \$2,900.00. [See Table on p. 149 of the Appendix.]

A Statement is also presented [See Appendix, p. 150,] showing the amount of Missionary Aid received by the several Parishes from the Diocesan Board of Missions during the time of its organization. From this statement it will appear that more than \$80,000 has been distributed through the Board for the building up of new, and for sustaining feeble, parishes. Of this amount the sum of \$7.600 has been distributed through the agency of the Eastern District Association; and the sum of \$3.600 through the agency of the Southern District Association, amounting to \$11,200 by the two Associations.

Great pains have been taken by the Treasurer to make the statements correct, yet some inaccuracies may have occurred in making them up; but he feels confident that they will be found to show substantially the financial operations of the Board for a period of twenty-eight years.

JAMES B. DOW,  
*Treasurer of the D. B. M.*

## A STATEMENT

*Showing the amount of Missionary Contributions made by each of the several Parishes to the Diocesan Board of Missions\* since its organization, by the Convention, A. D. 1836 to the Convention, A. D. 1864, embracing a period of twenty-eight years.*

| City or Town.<br>Name of Churches. | Am't<br>contrib. | City or Town.<br>Name of Churches.   | Am't.<br>contrib. |
|------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Andover, Christ Church.....        | \$1177 18        | Lanesboro', St. Luke's .....         | \$218 75          |
| Andover, St. John's.....           | 107 75           | Lawrence, Grace.....                 | 558 25            |
| Andover, St. James's.....          | 258 70           | Lenox, Trinity.....                  | 712 00            |
| Beverly, Advent.....               | 618 32           | Lowell, St. Anne's.....              | 3665 00           |
| " Christ.....                      | 680 80           | Lee, St. George's.....               | 38 00             |
| " Emmanuel.....                    | 1861 00          | Lynn, St. Stephen's.....             | 124 00            |
| " Grace.....                       | 4899 09          | Marblehead, St. Michael's.....       | 333 80            |
| " St. Paul's.....                  | 16885 80         | Medford, Grace.....                  | 224 50            |
| " St. Mark's.....                  | 414 00           | Millville, St. John's.....           | 125 00            |
| " Messiah.....                     | 1118 00          | Milwau, Trinity.....                 | 17 00             |
| " Trinity.....                     | 12229 25         | Newton Corner, Grace.....            | 556 51            |
| " St. Stephen's.....               | 420 00           | Nantucket, St. Paul's.....           | 85 62             |
| Wald Boston, St. John's.....       | 204 00           | Newburyport, St. Paul's.....         | 1178 29           |
| South Boston, St. Mathew's.....    | 494 50           | New Bedford, Grace.....              | 574 00            |
| Waldewater, Trinity.....           | 256 08           | Newton Lower Falls, St. Mary's.....  | 731 00            |
| Wareham.....                       | 40 00            | Northampton, St. John's.....         | 204 50            |
| Wareham, St. Paul's.....           | 904 00           | North Adams, St. John's.....         | 48 00             |
| Weymouth, Epiphany.....            | 20 00            | Otis and New Boston, St. Paul's..... | 91 53             |
| Wareham, Grace.....                | 51 50            | Pawtucket, Trinity.....              | 88 80             |
| Wareham, Christ Church.....        | 1580 00          | Plymouth, Christ Church.....         | 45 00             |
| Wareham, St. Peter's.....          | 189 00           | Pittsfield, St. Stephen's.....       | 980 50            |
| Wareham, St. John's.....           | 854 60           | Quincy, Christ Church.....           | 180 00            |
| Wareham, St. Luke's.....           | 280 68           | Roxbury, St. James's.....            | 1996 50           |
| Wareham, Christ.....               | 148 00           | Salem, St. Peter's.....              | 3915 00           |
| Wareham, St. Paul's.....           | 1877 90          | " Grace.....                         | 97 62             |
| Wareham, Calvary.....              | 77 50            | Springfield, Christ Church.....      | 668 25            |
| Wareham, St. Mary's.....           | 895 25           | Stockbridge, St. Paul's.....         | 450 27            |
| Wareham, Ascension.....            | 224 50           | Swansea, Christ Church.....          | 44 00             |
| Wareham, St. John's.....           | 20 00            | Southboro', St. Mark's.....          | 12 72             |
| Wareham, St. James's.....          | 400 00           | Taunton, St. Thomas's.....           | 1869 00           |
| Wareham, St. John's.....           | 10 00            | Vanderusenville, Trinity.....        | 229 50            |
| Wareham, St. John's.....           | 116 00           | Wareham, Christ.....                 | 831 00            |
| Wareham, Trinity.....              | 75 50            | Wilkinsonville, St. John's.....      | 412 00            |
| Wareham, St. Andrew's.....         | 719 00           | Worcester, All Saints.....           | 266 70            |
| Wareham, St. Paul's.....           | 48 00            | Wood's Hole, Messiah.....            | 200 00            |
| Wareham, Christ Church.....        | 80 00            | Individual donations.....            | 9245 00           |
| Wareham, St. John's.....           | 20 00            |                                      |                   |
| Wareham, St. John's.....           | 1180 00          | Total.....                           | \$80218 38        |

\* Note. These amounts include the funds passed through the Treasury by the Treasurers of the Eastern and Southern District Associations, amounting to \$7600 from the Eastern District Association, and \$3600 from the Southern District Association.

## A STATEMENT

*Showing the amount of aid received by the following named Parishes, from the Diocesan Board of Missions, since its organization by the Convention, A. D. 1836, to April 1, 1864.*

| Town or City.                               | Name of Church.          | Years Assisted. | Total Amount       |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Andover,                                    | Christ Church,           | 6               | \$ 900,00          |
| Ashfield,                                   | St. John's,              | 16              | 1450,00            |
| Amesbury,                                   | St. James's,             | 12              | 1475,00            |
| Attleboro'                                  | Grace,                   | 8               | 1680,00            |
| Bridgewater                                 | Trinity,                 | 15              | 1300,00            |
| Brighton,                                   | Epiphany,                | 1               | 625,00             |
| Blandford,                                  | St. Mark's (suspens'd),  | 9               | 1175,00            |
| Ballard Vale,                               | Emmanuel (susp.),        | 1               | 100,00             |
| Clappville,                                 | Christ,                  | 12              | 1350,00            |
| Cambridge,                                  | Christ,                  | 8               | 600,00             |
| Charlestown,                                | St. John's,              | 6               | 2850,00            |
| Chelsea,                                    | Zion & St. Luke's,       | 14              | 1567,00            |
| Cambridgeport,                              | St. Peter's,             | 16              | 2600,00            |
| Cabotville,                                 | Grace,                   | 6               | 800,00             |
| Chicopee,                                   | Grace,                   | 11              | 2100,00            |
| Danvers,                                    | Calvary,                 | 6               | 2737,00            |
| East Boston,                                | St. John's,              | 16              | 4225,00            |
| Fall River,                                 | Ascension,               | 17              | 2625,00            |
| Frammingham,                                | St. John's,              | 4               | 1350,00            |
| Gloucester,                                 | St. John's,              | 2               | 790,00             |
| Haverhill,                                  | Trinity,                 | 4               | 1500,00            |
| Hyde Park,                                  | Christ,                  | 8               | 1437,00            |
| Hopkinton,                                  | St. Paul's,              | 4               | 850,00             |
| Ipswich,                                    | Mission Station (susp.   | 8               | 800,00             |
| Lynn,                                       | Christ & St. Stephen's,  | 4               | 700,00             |
| Lenox,                                      | Trinity,                 | 14              | 1125,00            |
| Lowell,                                     | St. Luke's & St. John's, | 6               | 2400,00            |
| Lawrence,                                   | Grace,                   | 5               | 750,00             |
| Lee,                                        | St. George's,            | 5               | 1300,00            |
| Millville,                                  | St. John's,              | 2               | 200,00             |
| Malden,                                     | Grace,                   | 1               | 200,00             |
| Medford,                                    | Grace,                   | 2               | 300,00             |
| Melrose,                                    | St. Luke's,              | 7               | 1706,75            |
| Northampton,                                | St. John's,              | 9               | 1450,00            |
| Nantucket,                                  | Trinity,                 | 18              | 3050,00            |
| New Boston,                                 | St. Andrew's (susp.),    | 9               | 725,00             |
| North Adams,                                | St. John's,              | 9               | 3200,00            |
| Newton Corner,                              | Grace,                   | 4               | 1225,00            |
| Otis,                                       | St. Paul's,              | 20              | 1700,00            |
| Pawtucket,                                  | Trinity,                 | 7               | 850,00             |
| Plymouth,                                   | Christ,                  | 9               | 1150,00            |
| Palmer,                                     | St. Paul's (suspended)   | 1               | 200,00             |
| Quincy,                                     | Christ,                  | 4               | 500,00             |
| Springfield,                                | Christ,                  | 6               | 1250,00            |
| Stockbridge,                                | St. Paul's,              | 21              | 2175,00            |
| Swansea,                                    | Christ,                  | 13              | 1775,00            |
| Vandeuensville,                             | Trinity,                 | 19              | 2075,00            |
| Wilkinsonville,                             | St. John's,              | 5               | 650,00             |
| Worcester,                                  | All Saints,              | 4               | 875,00             |
| Woods' Hole,                                | Messiah (suspended),     | 8               | 1650,00            |
| Waltham,                                    | Christ,                  | 1               | 200,00             |
| Wrentham,                                   | Mission Station,         |                 | 300,00             |
| Miscellaneous app. and app. made by donors, |                          |                 | \$9,750,00         |
|                                             |                          |                 | <b>\$80,218.33</b> |



# MISSIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED BY THE TREASURER.

| Name of Town.            | Name of Church | Dioce.  | Dom.    | For.    | Spec'l. | Total    |
|--------------------------|----------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|
| Bal. from last yr's acc. |                | 58 78   |         |         |         | 58 78    |
| Andover                  | Christ Church  | 187 50  | 80 00   | 50 00   |         | 267 50   |
| Amesbury                 | St. James's    |         |         |         |         |          |
| Ashfield                 | St. John's     |         | 9 00    |         |         | 9 00     |
| Blandford                | St. Mark's     |         |         |         |         |          |
| Boston                   | Advent         | 350 00  |         |         |         | 350 00   |
| "                        | Christ Church  |         |         |         |         |          |
| "                        | Epiphany       | 788 00  | 808 00  | 200 00  | 60 00   | 1890 00  |
| "                        | Mosiah         | 50 00   |         |         |         | 50 00    |
| "                        | Grace          | 35 00   |         | 50 04   | 22 47   | 115 51   |
| "                        | St. Paul's     | 517 00  | 605 00  | 1200 00 | 8716 00 | 11188 00 |
| "                        | St. John's     |         |         |         |         |          |
| "                        | St. Matthew's  | 35 00   |         |         |         | 35 00    |
| "                        | St. Stephen's  | 50 00   |         |         |         | 50 00    |
| "                        | St. Mark's     | 50 00   |         |         |         | 50 00    |
| "                        | Trinity        | 50 00   |         |         |         | 50 00    |
| Bridgevader              | Trinity        |         |         |         |         |          |
| Brookline                | St. Paul's     |         |         |         |         |          |
| Brighton                 | Epiphany       | 20 00   |         |         |         | 20 00    |
| Beverly                  | Mission Chapel | 7 25    |         |         |         | 7 25     |
| Chicopee                 | Grace          |         |         |         |         |          |
| Cambridge                | Christ Church  | 484 24  |         | 20 00   | 76 08   | 580 32   |
| Cambridgeport            | St. Peter's    |         |         |         |         |          |
| Charlestown              | St. John's     | 151 00  | 181 00  |         | 101 88  | 433 88   |
| Chelsea                  | St. Luke's     |         |         |         |         |          |
| Clappville               | Christ Church  | 5 00    |         |         |         | 5 00     |
| Dedham                   | St. Paul's     | 217 00  |         |         |         | 217 00   |
| Danvers                  | Calvary        | 10 42   |         |         |         | 10 42    |
| Dorchester               | St. Mary's     | 886 28  |         |         |         | 886 28   |
| Fall River               | Ascension      |         |         |         |         |          |
| Franklinham              | St. John's     | 10 00   |         |         |         | 10 00    |
| Great Barrington         | St. James's    | 47 85   |         |         |         | 47 85    |
| Greenfield               | St. James's    |         |         |         |         |          |
| Gloucester               | St. John's     | 10 00   |         |         |         | 10 00    |
| Holyoke                  | St. Paul's     | 20 00   |         |         |         | 20 00    |
| Hyde Park                | Christ         | 15 00   |         |         |         | 15 00    |
| Hanover                  | St. Andrew's   |         |         |         |         |          |
| Hopkinton                | St. Paul's     | 10 00   | 10 00   |         |         | 20 00    |
| Jamaica Plain            | St. John's     | 50      |         |         |         | 50       |
| Lanesboro'               | St. Luke's     | 18 50   |         |         |         | 18 50    |
| Lawrence                 | Grace          | 29 00   |         |         |         | 29 00    |
| Lenox                    | Trinity        |         |         |         |         |          |
| Lowell                   | St. Anne's     | 353 41  |         |         |         | 353 41   |
| Lynn                     | St. Stephen's  |         |         |         |         |          |
| Marblehead               | St. Michael's  |         |         |         |         |          |
| Marshfield               | Trinity        |         |         |         |         |          |
| Medford                  | Grace          | 50 00   |         |         |         | 50 00    |
| Malden                   | Grace          |         |         |         |         |          |
| Millville                | St. John's     | 8 20    |         |         |         | 8 20     |
| Malrose                  | Trinity        | 8 00    |         |         |         | 8 00     |
| Nantucket                | St. Paul's     |         |         |         |         |          |
| New Bedford              | Grace          | 50 00   |         |         |         | 50 00    |
| Newburyport              | St. Paul's     | 75 00   |         |         |         | 75 00    |
| New Boston               | St. Andrew's   |         |         |         |         |          |
| Newton Lower Falls       | St. Mary's     |         |         |         |         |          |
| Northampton              | St. John's     | 40 00   |         |         |         | 40 00    |
| Newton Corner            | Grace          | 35 00   |         |         |         | 35 00    |
| North Adams              | St. John's     | 20 00   |         |         |         | 20 00    |
| Otis                     | St. Paul's     |         |         |         |         |          |
| Pawtucket                | Trinity        |         |         |         |         |          |
| Plymouth                 | Christ         | 2 00    |         |         |         | 2 00     |
| Pittsfield               | St. Stephen's  | 12 25   |         |         |         | 12 25    |
| Quincy                   | Christ Church  | 15 00   |         |         |         | 15 00    |
| Roxbury                  | St. James's    | 148 00  |         |         |         | 148 00   |
| Salem                    | St. Peter's    | 908 44  |         |         |         | 908 44   |
| "                        | Grace          | 25 02   |         |         |         | 25 02    |
| Springfield              | Christ Church  | 144 11  |         |         |         | 144 11   |
| Stockbridge              | Christ Church  | 100 00  |         |         |         | 100 00   |
| Swansea                  | Christ Church  |         |         |         |         |          |
| Southboro'               | St. Mark's     | 12 72   |         |         |         | 12 72    |
| Taunton                  | St. Thomas's   |         |         |         |         |          |
| Vandeuensville           | Trinity        | 80 00   |         |         |         | 80 00    |
| Waltham                  | Christ         | 10 00   |         |         |         | 10 00    |
| Wilkinsonville           | St. John's     |         |         |         |         |          |
| Wood's Hole              | Mosiah         |         |         |         |         |          |
| Worcester                | All Saints'    | 51 20   |         |         |         | 51 20    |
| Individual donations     |                | 784 05  | 5 00    | 15 00   | 10 00   | 794 05   |
|                          |                | 6280 20 | 1642 00 | 1684 04 | 897 88  | 10504 00 |

**Constitution**  
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**IN THE**  
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**AS AMENDED**  
**IN CONVENTION, JUNE, 1841, 1846, MAY, 1852, JANUARY, 1856**  
**MAY, 1859. AND MAY, 1864.**

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**ARTICLE I.**

**THIS** Church, as a constituent part of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, accedes to the General Constitution of that Church, and acknowledges its authority.

**ARTICLE II.**

**THERE** shall be a stated Convention of the Church in this Diocese, at Boston, on the second Wednesday in June, in every year, unless a different time and place be fixed on by a preceding Convention. Special meetings of the Convention shall be called by the Bishop, when, in his judgment, the good of the Church may require it, or when the Standing Committee shall request it. And when the Episcopal Chair is vacant, the Standing Committee shall have power to call such Convention. **PROVIDED**, always, that no business shall be done at any special Convention, other than is specified in the notice calling such Convention.

**ARTICLE III.**

**THE** Convention shall be composed of Clergymen and Laymen.

**THE** Bishop and the Assistant Bishop, when there is one, shall



have a seat and a vote in the Convention. Every Clergyman, being a settled minister, or having regularly officiated in some Parish within this Diocese for six months next preceding the meeting of the Convention,—or being a President, Professor, Tutor, or Instructor in some College or Seminary of learning, and performing clerical functions,—or being a Missionary under the direction of the Ecclesiastical authority of this Diocese, or being a Chaplain in the Army or Navy of the United States, or in any benevolent or other public institution,—if he have been actually as well as canonically resident within this Diocese, and have been performing the duties of his office for the space of six calendar months next before the meeting of the Convention,—or if he have been canonically instituted,—shall be entitled to a seat and vote in this Convention. Every Clergyman, other than those specified, canonically resident in this Diocese, shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership, with the exception of a right to vote. No Clergyman who has been, and otherwise would be, entitled to a seat and vote in this Convention, shall, by reason of advanced years, or infirm health, or temporary absence, be divested of such privilege.

Every parish in this Diocese, in union with this Convention, shall be entitled to send to the Convention lay delegates, not exceeding three, who shall be Communicants of this Church, and also stated worshippers in, and members of, the Parish which they represent; a certificate of whose appointment and qualifications, signed by the Wardens or Parish Clerk, shall, before their admission to a seat, be laid before the Convention. The delegation from each Parish shall be entitled, on a division by orders, to but one vote.

#### ARTICLE IV.

New Parishes may be admitted into union with this Convention, on motion, by a majority of votes, provided they shall have laid before the Convention written evidence, subscribed by the Wardens and Vestry, that they have been duly organized for the space of one year, and during that time have held regular public services, and accede to the Constitution and Canons of this Church.

## ARTICLE V.

The Bishop of this Diocese shall preside in the Convention. But in case of vacancy, or necessary absence, the members shall elect a president from among the Clergy.

## ARTICLE VI.

A Secretary shall be chosen upon the assembling of the Annual Convention, from among the members thereof, who shall remain in office until the meeting of the next Convention.

## ARTICLE VII.

The members of the Convention, present on due notification, and duly organized, shall constitute a quorum to transact the ordinary business of the Convention. The clergy and lay delegates shall deliberate as one body, and vote as such, except when a division is called for by three clerical members, or by the lay delegations from three parishes represented in the Convention; in which case a concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to carry any measure. All elections shall be by ballot, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

## ARTICLE VIII.

There shall be a Standing Committee, to consist of six members; three clergymen and three laymen. They shall keep regular minutes of their proceedings, and shall report the same annually to the Convention. A majority shall be a quorum.

## ARTICLE IX.

This Constitution shall not be subject to alteration in any article, except at the annual meeting of the Convention; nor unless such alteration shall have been proposed and accepted by the Convention for consideration at one annual meeting previous to its adoption.

## C A N O N S .

## Canon of 1828,

AMENDED IN THE CONVENTION OF 1849.

*Respecting Contingent Expenses.*

It shall be the duty of every parish in this State, after the first day of January, 1829, to raise and send to the Treasurer of the Convention, to defray the contingent expenses of the Church in this Diocese, a sum of money annually, which shall be as much as *one per centum* on the salary of its minister; and those parishes which are destitute of a clergyman, and which are represented by lay delegates in the Convention, shall pay at least five dollars annually, or send a certified copy of a vote that they are unable to pay the same; and it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to certify in his annual report what parishes have neglected to comply with the requisitions of this Canon. The money thus raised and paid into the treasury of the Convention, shall be subject to appropriation by a majority of the votes of the Standing Committee, or of such committee as shall be appointed by the Convention; and the following appropriations shall always be deemed proper, namely: to pay the travelling expenses of the Bishop of this Convention; to pay the travelling expenses of such clerical members of the Convention as cannot afford to pay the same, not exceeding ten dollars to any clergyman in one year; to pay the travelling expenses of the clerical delegates to the General Triennial Convention, not exceeding twenty-five dollars to each clerical delegate; to pay to the delegates of the Church in this Diocese to the General Convention, such sums as shall enable them to pay the quota assessed on the several Churches in this Diocese by each General Convention, for the contingent expenses thereof; and to pay for publishing the Journals of this Convention, and such other publications as shall be published by order of this Convention; and every parish shall be entitled to five copies, at least, of every publication printed by order of the Convention.

But no clergyman shall be entitled to any appropriation from the Contingent Fund, unless the parish of which he is the minister shall have paid its annual quota of *one per centum*, or send a certified copy of a vote that it is unable to pay the same. Neither shall any parish, thus neglecting to comply with the requisitions of the Canon, receive more than five copies of the Journal.

**Canon of 1844.**

*Respecting the increase of the Episcopal Fund.*

In every parish in this Diocese, a collection shall be annually made on Trinity Sunday, and paid over to the Treasurer of the Trustees of Donations of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese, to be added to the permanent fund for the support of the Bishop of this Diocese; and the said Treasurer shall report annually to this Convention, the amount by him received from each parish.

**Canons of 1846,**

AMENDED IN THE CONVENTION OF 1852.

I.

*Of proceedings in the case of a Minister, not being a Bishop, accused by public rumor or otherwise of offences for which he may be tried.*

SECT. 1. The mode of presentment and trial of a Minister, for any offence for which, by the laws of the General Convention or of this Diocese, he is or may be liable to be tried, shall be as follows :

Information of his offence shall first be given in writing to the Standing Committee, which information, any member of this

Church is hereby declared competent to give. The Standing Committee shall thereupon proceed to a preliminary consideration of the case; and in their discretion, if they see fit, may make a formal presentment of the offence to the Bishop.

Such presentment shall be made in writing, addressed to the Bishop, stating the charges made against the accused, with specifications as to time, place, and circumstances; and any of the specifications in said presentment may be amended from time to time by the Judge Advocate, as the Court may order; and in case there shall be no Bishop, or in case the Bishop shall be implicated in the offence, or shall be related to the accused by consanguinity or affinity, the Standing Committee shall then request the Bishop of some other Diocese to receive the presentment, who, upon the application of the Standing Committee, may proceed in the case, and exercise the same powers as belong, or are granted, to the Bishop of the Diocese.

SECT. 2. Any Minister of this Diocese, not being a Bishop, accused by public rumor or otherwise, of any offence or offences for which he may be tried as aforesaid, may, for himself, request the Standing Committee to institute such examination and inquiry respecting the truth of the charges against him; and, in such case, it shall be the duty of the Standing Committee to institute such examination and inquiry, and to proceed in like manner, as is provided in section first of the Canon.

## II.

### *Of the trial of a Clergyman, not being a Bishop.*

SECT. 1. Upon such presentment being made by the Standing Committee, as is provided in the foregoing Canon, the Bishop shall, as soon as may be, cause a copy of such presentment to be served on the accused, and shall also nominate nine Presbyters of the Diocese, entitled to seats in the Convention, and not being parties to the presentment, nor witnesses in the case, and shall cause a list of their names to be served on the accused, who shall,

within thirty days after such service, select five of them, and notify their names in writing to the Bishop; and if he shall not give such notification to the Bishop within said thirty days, the Bishop shall then select five, and the Presbyters so selected shall form an Ecclesiastical Court for the trial of the accused.

**SECT. 2.** The Court, thus constituted, shall meet at such time and place within the Diocese, as the Bishop shall direct, and shall have power to adjourn from time to time, and from place to place, within the Diocese, as they shall deem necessary; and the Bishop shall cause a written notice of the time and place of the first meeting of the said Court to be served at least thirty days before the time of meeting, on the accused, and also on the Secretary of the Standing Committee.

**SECT. 3.** If, at the time appointed for the first meeting of the said Court, the whole number of five shall not attend, those who do attend, may adjourn from time to time; or being not less than three in number, they shall have the right to proceed, in case they shall see fit, to a hearing and trial of the case; and their decision, if unanimous, shall be as binding as if the whole Court had been present; but in case their decision shall not be unanimous, the Bishop shall, at the request of the accused, or of the Standing Committee, order a new trial.

**SECT. 4.** If a clergyman presented shall confess the truth of the facts alleged in the presentment, the Court shall, in writing, certify the same to the Bishop, and state their opinion as to the sentence that ought to be pronounced; and it shall be the duty of the Bishop to proceed to pass sentence, in the manner hereinafter provided. And if a clergyman presented as aforesaid, after having had due notice, shall fail or neglect to appear before the Court of Presbyters appointed for his trial, unless prevented by sickness or other sufficient cause, he shall be suspended from the exercise of his clerical functions for the term of six months; and if during that period, he shall not apply for a trial, he shall then be degraded from the ministry.

**SECT. 5.** When the Court proceed to the trial, they shall hear such competent evidence as shall be produced, which evidence shall be reduced to writing, and signed by the witnesses respec-

tively ; and some officer authorized by law to administer oaths, may, at the desire of either party, be requested to administer an oath or affirmation to the witnesses. If, on or during the trial, the accused shall confess the truth of the charges as stated in the presentment, the Court may dispense with hearing further evidence, and may proceed at once to state their opinion to the Bishop as to the sentence that ought to be pronounced.

SECT. 6. Upon the application of either party to the Bishop, and it being made satisfactorily to appear to him, that any material witnesses cannot be procured upon the trial, the Bishop may appoint a Commissary to take the testimony of such witnesses. Such Commissary may be either a clergyman or a layman, and the party so applying, shall give to the other at least *six days'* notice of the time and place of taking the testimony. And if the person on whom the notice shall be served, shall reside more than forty miles from the place of examination, an additional day's notice shall be given for every additional twenty miles of the said distance. And both parties may attend and examine the witness, and the questions and answers shall be reduced to writing and signed by the witness, and shall be certified by the Commissary, and enclosed under his seal, and transmitted to the Court, and shall be received by them as evidence. A witness examined before such Commissary may be sworn or affirmed in manner aforesaid.

SECT. 7. The Court, having deliberately considered the evidence, shall declare in a writing signed by them, or a majority of them, their decision on the charges contained in the presentment, distinctly stating whether the accused is guilty or not guilty of such charges respectively, and also stating the sentence which, in their opinion, should be pronounced ; and a copy of such decision shall be, without delay, communicated to the accused ; and the original decision, together with the evidence, shall be delivered to the Bishop, who shall pronounce such canonical sentence as shall appear to him to be proper, provided the same shall not exceed in severity the sentence recommended by the Court ; and such sentence shall be final. Before pronouncing any sentence, the Bishop shall summon the accused, and any three or

more Presbyters of the Diocese, to meet him at such time as may in his opinion be most convenient, in some church to be designated by him, which shall for that purpose be open at the time to all persons who may choose to attend; and the sentence shall then and there be publicly pronounced by the Bishop. But the Bishop, if he shall be satisfied that justice requires it, may grant a new trial to the accused, in which case a new Court of Presbyters shall be appointed, the proceedings before whom shall be conducted as before mentioned.

SECT. 8. All citations and notices contemplated in this Canon shall be signed by the Bishop, and may be served by a summoner or summoners, to be appointed for the purpose by the Bishop, and whose certificate of such service shall be evidence thereof. In case of service by any other person, the fact shall be proved by the affidavit of such person. A written citation or notice delivered to a party, or left at his last place of residence, shall be deemed a sufficient service of such citation or notice.

SECT. 9. Advocates or Proctors shall be allowed on both sides, at the pleasure of the parties, provided they are clergymen canonically resident in the Diocese, or laymen who have been communicants of some parish of the same, at least two years before the time of trial.

### **Canon of 1846.**

#### *Of Communicants.*

Whenever the Bishop shall institute an inquiry on the subject of repelling a person from the Holy Communion, according to the rubrics and the canons of the General Convention, he shall summon a council of two presbyters and two laymen, of which he shall be president, to decide upon the case.



**Canon of 1847,****AS AMENDED IN THE CONVENTION OF 1848 AND 1860.***Of Elections.*

The deputies to the General Convention from this Diocese shall be chosen at the meeting of this Convention holden in each year of the stated meeting of the General Convention; who shall continue in office until the meeting of this Convention, next preceding the stated meeting of the General Convention, on the third year next after their election, and until others shall be chosen in their place.

Substitutes for deputies shall be chosen at the same time, and in the same manner as the deputies are. And in the event of the resignation or inability of any deputy, clerical or lay, such vacancy shall be filled from the substitutes respectively, in the order in which they were chosen.

**Canon of 1858.***Of the Appointment of a Diocesan Registrar.*

SECT. 1. A Registrar shall be elected by this Convention, whose duty it shall be to procure such papers, files, reports, journals, records and other documents, relative to the history of the Church in this Diocese, as are now, or may hereafter become, the property of this Convention, and preserve the same in some safe and accessible place of deposit; and to hold the same under such regulations and restrictions, as this Convention may from time to time provide.

SECT. 2. Said Registrar shall hold his office for one year, or until another be appointed in his place.

**Canon of 1859,**

**AMENDED IN THE CONVENTION OF 1860.**

*Of the Missionary Organization of the Diocese.*

**SECTION 1.** Each of the four District Associations of this Diocese shall, at its first meeting after Easter, elect three clerical delegates, who shall represent it in the Board of Missions.

**SECT. 2.** Every Parish in this Diocese, having, within the year preceding, contributed at least fifty dollars to the funds of the Board, shall be entitled to one lay representative in the same.

**SECT. 3.** The term of service of the Delegates shall commence at the close of the Annual Convention.

**SECT. 4.** Parochial and lay delegates shall be chosen annually at parish meetings, or by the Wardens and Vestry, and shall continue in office until others are chosen in their places, or until the Parish has forfeited the right of representation in the Board, by a non-compliance with the conditions of this Canon.

**SECT. 5.** The persons so chosen, with the Bishop of the Diocese, who shall be *ex officio*, a member, and, when present, the presiding officer, shall constitute the Board of Missions, which shall have full charge and control of all monies contributed to its funds, except in so far as they may be limited by donors of funds for special purposes. The members present at any stated or duly notified meeting shall be a quorum.

**SECT. 6.** Stated meetings of the Board shall be held at least once in two months.

**SECT. 7.** One or more missionaries at large shall be appointed by the Board, whose duty it shall be to visit, explore and officiate under its direction.

## EXTRACT FROM THE

**Canon of the General Convention of 1853.**

*Of the mode of securing an accurate view of the state of the Church, from time to time.*

SECTION 1. As a full and accurate view of the state of the Church, from time to time, is highly useful and necessary, it is hereby ordered that every Minister of this Church, or, if the Parish be vacant, the Wardens, shall present, or cause to be delivered, on or before the first day of every annual Convention, to the Bishop of the Diocese, or, where there is no Bishop, to the President of the Convention, a statement of the number of baptisms, confirmations, marriages, and funerals, and of the number of communicants in his Parish or Church, also, the state and condition of the Sunday Schools in his Parish, also of the amount of the communion alms, the contributions for Missions, diocesan, domestic, and foreign, for parochial schools, for Church purposes in general, and of all other matters that may throw light on the state of the same. And every other Clergyman not regularly settled in any Parish or Church, shall also report the occasional services he may have performed; and, if he have performed no such services, the causes or reasons which have prevented the same. And these reports, or such parts of them as the Bishop shall think fit, may be read in the Convention, and shall be entered on the journals thereof.

**A STANDING ORDER OF BUSINESS, AND RULES OF ORDER, OF  
THE CONVENTION OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN  
THE DIOCESE OF MASSACHUSETTS.**

**STANDING ORDER OF BUSINESS.**

*For the First Day of the Session.*

**A. M.**

After Morning Prayer, Sermon, or Charge, and the administration of the Holy Communion, the President will take the chair, when the order of procedure shall be as follows :

I. 1. The Secretary shall call over the names of the Clergy entitled to seats and votes, and of those entitled only to seats, from a list presented by the Bishop, and shall receive the certificates of Lay Delegates, as the names of the Parishes are called.

2. The President will appoint a Committee on Qualifications, to receive, examine, and report upon the list of the Clergy and the credentials of the Lay Delegates ; after which a recess may be taken.

**P. M.**

II. 1. The Committee on Qualifications shall report.

2. The Secretary shall call the names of the Clergy and of the Lay Delegates, as the same shall have been approved by the Convention.

3. A constitutional quorum of both Orders being present, the President shall declare the Convention organized for business.

4. The election of a Secretary, (who shall have power to appoint an Assistant,) and of a Treasurer.

5. The reading of the Rules of Order of the last Convention.

6. The appointment by the President of five Standing Committees, viz. : a Committee on the admission of new Parishes ; a Committee on the Constitution and Canons,—to consist each of five members, three Clergymen and two Laymen ; an Executive Committee, for nominating the Preachers of Sermons before this body, and for recommending the time and place of holding the

Convention,—to consist of three members, two Clergymen and one Laymen ; a Committee on Unfinished Business, and a Committee of Finance,—to consist each of three members, one Clergyman and two Laymen.

7. The receiving and referring of papers in respect to the admission of new Parishes.

III. The annual Address of the Bishop, unless he should prefer another time for its delivery ; if so, it shall be in order at any time.

IV. Reports and action upon the same, in the following order :

1. Report from the Treasurer of the Convention.
2. Report from the Registrar of the Convention.
3. Report from the Special Committees appointed at the preceding Convention.
4. Report from the Committee on new Parishes, the admission of the Parishes, and the reception of their Lay Delegates.
5. Report from the Standing Committee.
6. Report from the Board of Missions.
7. Report from the Board of Missions to Seamen.
8. Report from the Committee on the Increase of the Episcopal Fund.
9. Report from the Trustees of Donations.
10. Report from the Margaret Coffin Prayer Book Society.
11. Report from the Society for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen.
12. Report from the Society for the Relief of Aged and Indigent Clergymen.
13. Report from the Finance Committee.
14. Report from the Committee on Unfinished Business.
15. Report from the Executive Committee.
16. Parochial Reports to be presented to the Bishop.

If any Report be not ready in the order prescribed above, more time may be allowed, and it shall be presented and be in order, at the first vacancy in the regular business, after it shall be prepared.

V. Miscellaneous Business, such as proposed changes in the Constitution and Canons, matters to be referred to Special or other Committees, Resolutions, &c.

*For the Second Day of the Session.*

After Devotional Exercises, at 9 A. M.,

I. 1. Reading and approval of the minutes of the previous day.

2. Report from the Committee on Qualifications, of members not present nor reported on the preceding day; the names of such Clergymen and the Credentials of such Lay Delegates having been previously handed to the Secretary, and by him referred to said Committee.

3. The calling of the Roll of members.

II. The finishing of the business, if any, which was under consideration at the time of the adjournment of the Convention.

III. The disposal of the unfinished business in the order above prescribed for the first day.

IV. Miscellaneous Business.

V. Elections at 11 o'clock, A. M., in the following order:

1. Election of Deputies to the General Convention.

2. Election of Registrar.

3. Election of Standing Committee.

4. Election of Trustees (nominated) of the General Theological Seminary.

5. Election of Board of Missions to Seamen.

6. Election of Committee on the Increase of the Episcopal Fund.

7. Election of Committee on entertaining the Clerical members of the Convention.

VI. 1. Report of the Committee on the Constitution and Canons, and action thereon.

2. Reports of Special or other Committees on matters referred to them during the Session, and action thereon.

VII. Miscellaneous Business.

VIII. At 5 o'clock, P.M., the Convention shall be resolved into a Committee of the whole, on the state of the Church, and to hear missionary and other addresses on topics pertaining thereto, from members and others present at the Session of the Convention.

IX. The reading and approval of the minutes.

X. Singing, Prayers, Benediction by the Bishop, or, in his absence, by the Senior Presbyter present. Adjournment *sine die*.

*For the Third or other Subsequent Day of the Session.*

I. Devotional Exercises, Reading, &c, of the Minutes, Reception of new Members, Calling of the Roll, and finishing of Business under consideration at last adjournment, as on the Second Day.

II. The disposal of the Unfinished Business of the Convention, in the order above prescribed.

## II. RULES OF ORDER.

RULE I. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, except to address the Chair.

No member shall absent himself from the house, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

When any member is about to speak, or deliver any matter to the house, he shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the house; nor more than once, until others desiring to speak shall have spoken.

While the President is putting any question, the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private discourse.

Every member, who shall be in the house when any question is put, shall vote, unless he be personally interested in the question, or shall be excused by the Convention for reasons assigned.

RULE II. All Special Committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

**RULE III.** No motion shall be considered as before the Convention, unless seconded by a member not belonging to the same Parish with the mover; and every motion shall, if required, be reduced to writing, and the name of the mover appended.

**RULE IV.** When the report of a Committee is presented, it shall be read and entered on the minutes, unless otherwise determined by the house; and, if accompanied by resolutions, the question shall be on adopting them.

**RULE V.** When a question is before the Convention, it shall be in order—1, To lay on the table; 2, To postpone to a day certain; 3, To commit; 4, To amend; 5, To divide; 6, To postpone indefinitely; and motions for any of these proceedings shall have precedence in the order in which they are here named; and a question on any of these proceedings shall be decided before the original motion.

**RULE VI.** An address or communication from the Bishop shall be in order at any time.

**RULE VII.** A motion to lay upon the table shall be decided without debate.

**RULE VIII.** A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, when no member is speaking, and, if unqualified, shall be decided without debate.

**RULE IX.** When votes or Elections by orders are called for (by three Clerical members or by the lay delegations from three Parishes,) each Clergyman and each Parish shall be entitled to one vote, and there must be a concurrence of the majority of both orders voting, and the yeas and nays, when taken, shall be entered on the minutes.

**RULE X.** At the request of the President, or on motion, the Convention may resolve itself into a committee of the whole.

**RULE XI.** All elections, when required by two members, shall be by ballot.

**RULE XII.** On all questions of order, the President shall decide, subject to an appeal to the house.

**RULE XIII.** All amendments shall be considered in the order in which they are moved. When a proposed amendment is under consideration, a motion to amend the same may be made; no



after amendment to such second amendment shall be in order ; but a substitute for such second amendment, or a substitute for the whole matter, may be received. No proposition on a subject different from that under consideration shall be received under color of a substitute.

**RULE XIV.** The mover may withdraw a motion or resolution at any time before decision or amendment, with the consent of the Convention, in which case it shall not be entered on the minutes.

**RULE XV.** A question being decided, shall not be reconsidered during the same session, without the consent of two-thirds of the members present, nor unless the motion to reconsider be made and seconded by members who voted in the majority on the original decision.

**RULE XVI.** When the Convention is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the President leaves his chair.

**RULE XVII.** None of the Rules of Order shall be suspended without the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

**RULE XVIII.** The foregoing Rules of Order shall be read at the opening of every Convention, and shall be of force, unless repealed by a vote of the Convention.

LIST OF THE CLERGY  
OF THE  
**Diocese of Massachusetts.**  
MAY, A. D. 1864.

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- The Right Rev. MANTON EASTBURN, D.D., Bishop  
of the Diocese, and Rector of Trinity Church, Boston.
- The Rev. HENRY W. ADAMS, residing in New York.
- The Rev. HENRY FREEMAN ALLEN, Deacon.
- The Rev. NATHANIEL G. ALLEN, officiating at Somerville,  
and East Cambridge.
- The Rev. REESE F. ALSOP, Rector of St. John's Church,  
Framingham.
- The Rev. BENJAMIN B. BABBITT, Rector of Christ Church,  
Andover.
- The Rev. SAMUEL B. BABCOCK, Rector of St. Paul's  
Church, Dedham, and Treasurer of the Convention.
- The Rev. WILLIAM R. BABCOCK, Rector of St. John's  
Church, Jamaica Plain.
- The Rev. WILLIAM S. BARTLET, residing at Chelsea.
- The Rev. ALFRED L. BAURY, Rector of St. Paul's Church,  
Hopkinton, and Trinity Church, Bridgewater, resid-  
ing in Boston.
- The Rev. HENRY H. BEAN.
- The Rev. JAMES A. BOLLES, D.D., Rector of the Church  
of the Advent, Boston.
- The Rev. GORDON M. BRADLEY, officiating at Northamp-  
ton.

- The Rev. WILLIAM H. BROOKS, D.D., Rector of Christ Church, Plymouth.
- The Rev. JOHN T. BURRILL, Rector of Christ Church, Boston, and Chaplain of Diocesan Board of Missions for Seamen.
- The Rev. CHARLES BURROUGHS, D.D.
- The Rev. HENRY BURROUGHS, Rector of Christ Church, Quincy.
- The Rev. C. INGLES CHAPIN, Deacon, Minister of Grace Church, Malden.
- The Rev. GEORGE T. CHAPMAN, D.D., residing in Newburyport.
- The Rev. EDWIN B. CHASE, Rector of St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.
- The Rev. MOSES B. CHASE, Chaplain in the United States' Navy, Navy Yard, Charlestown.
- The Rev. ROBERT F. CHASE, Rector of Calvary Church, Danvers.
- The Rev. FRANCIS E. R. CHUBBUCK, Post Chaplain in New Orleans.
- The Rev. JOSEPH H. CLINCH, Chaplain of the City Institutions, South Boston, and Secretary of the Convention.
- The Rev. WILLIAM B. COLBURN.
- The Rev. GEORGE S. CONVERSE, Rector of St. James's Church, Roxbury.
- The Rev. JAMES I. T. COOLIDGE, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, South Boston.
- The Rev. ANDREW CROSWELL.
- The Rev. SAMUEL CUTLER, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Hanover.
- The Rev. BENJAMIN F. DECOSTA, residing in Boston.
- The Rev. GEORGE DENHAM, Deacon, assistant at Emmanuel Church, Boston.
- The Rev. EDWARD DEZENG.

- The Rev. WILLIAM D'ORVILLE DOTY, Deacon, assistant in Grace Church, Newton Corner.
- The Rev. THEODORE EDSON, D.D., Rector of St. Anne's Church, Lowell.
- The Rev. D. G. ESTES, D.D., Rector of St. James's Church, Amesbury.
- The Rev. THOMAS F. FALES, Rector of Christ Church, Waltham.
- The Rev. JUSTIN FIELD, Rector of Trinity Church, Lenox.
- The Rev. P. VOORHEES FINCH, Rector of St. James's Church, Greenfield.
- The Rev. FRANCIS A. FOXCROFT, residing at Hyde Park.
- The Rev. FREDERICK FREEMAN, residing in Sandwich.
- The Rev. J. S. COPLEY GREENE, Rector of Grace Church, Newton Corner.
- The Rev. EDWARD HALE, Deacon.
- The Rev. DAVID G. HASKINS, Rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Brighton.
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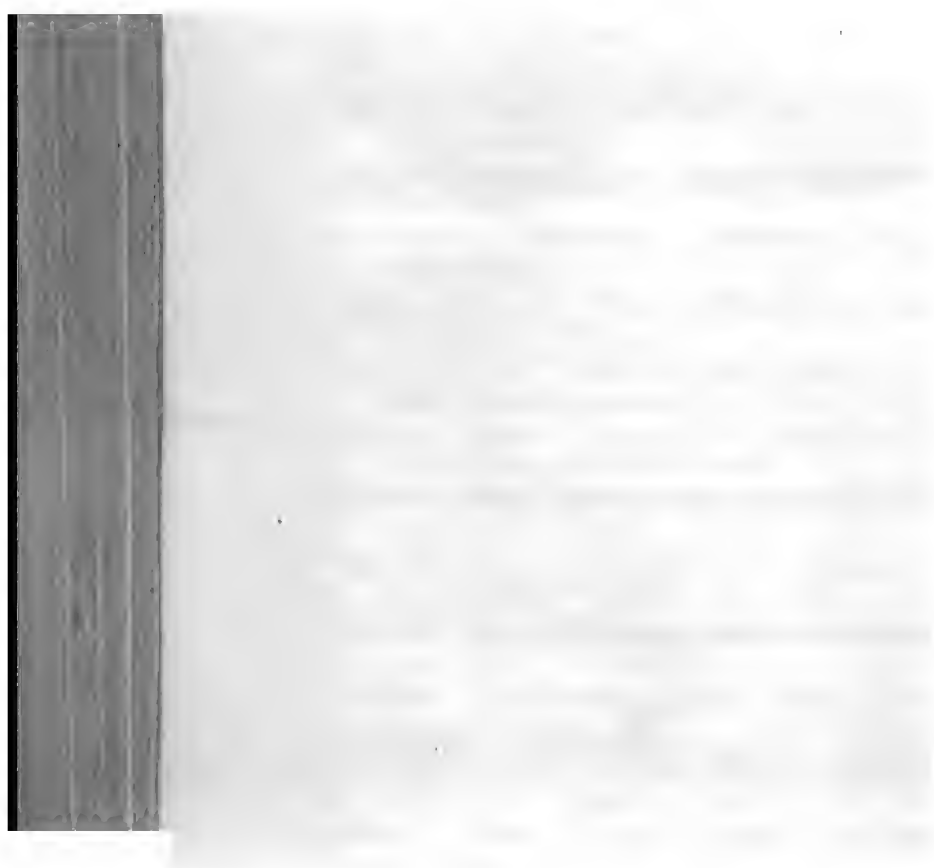
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## Notice.

The Seventy-fifth Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Massachusetts, will be holden in Trinity Church, Boston, on the third Wednesday (the 17th day) of May, 1865, at 10 o'clock A. M.

JOSEPH H. CLINCH,

*Secretary of the Convention*

*South Boston, May, 1864.*

## Form of Certificate for Lay Delegates.

(Authorized by vote of Convention of 1849.)

[Name of Town] ——— A. D. 18—.

This is to certify, that at a regular meeting of the Parish of ——— Church, ———, held on the ——— day of ——— 18— the following persons, viz:

Messrs. ———,  
———,  
———,

were duly elected lay delegates to represent this Parish in the next Diocesan Convention, to be held in ——— Church, in ———, on the ——— day of ———, A. D. 18—, and that they are stated worshippers in this Parish.

———,  
*Parish Clerk.*



**Diocese of Massachusetts.**

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On motion of the Rev. George S. Converse,

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Rectors of Parishes to enforce the observance of the 1st Section of Canon 12, Title II. of the Digest.

On motion of the same,

*Resolved*, That the foregoing resolution, together with the Section of the Canon referred to, be printed upon the cover of the Journal.

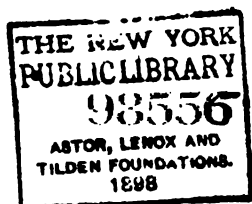
**Title II. Canon 12, Section 1.**

A communicant removing from one Parish to another shall procure from the Rector (if any) of the Parish of his last residence, or, if there be no Rector, from one of the Wardens, a certificate stating that he or she is a communicant in good standing; and the Rector of the Parish or Congregation to which he or she removed, shall not be required to receive him or her as a communicant, until such letter be produced.

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*Boston, Wednesday, May 17, 1865, }  
Trinity Church. }*

THIS being the time and place appointed for the meeting of the seventy-fifth annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Massachusetts, the Rt. Rev. the Bishop, with several of the Clergy and Lay Delegates, assembled in Trinity Church, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Andrew Mackie, Rector of the Church of the Atonement, Westfield.

The annual Sermon was preached by the Rev. George S. Converse, Rector of St. James's Church, Roxbury, from the text, 2 Cor. v. 20. *Now then we are ambassadors for Christ; as though God did beseech you by us, we pray you in Christ's stead, Be ye reconciled to God.*

The Bishop then proceeded to admit into the Holy Order of Deacons, Carlos Slafter and James O. Scripture; the former of whom was presented by

the Rev. Samuel B. Babcock, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Dedham, and the latter by the Rev. F. D. Huntington, D. D., Rector of Emmanuel Church, Boston.

After which, at the Offertory, which was read by the Rev. James Mulchahey, Rector of Grace Church, New Bedford, a collection was made for the relief of the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen of the Diocese.

The Holy Communion was then administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. James Mulchahey, to the Clergy and to a large number of the Laity.

The congregation having retired, the Chair was taken by the Bishop, and the following list of Clergymen entitled to seats in the Convention was called over by the Secretary:—

The Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D.D.

|                                 |                               |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| The Rev. <i>Henry Adams,</i>    | The Rev. Edwin B. Chase,      |
| “ <i>Henry Freeman Allen,</i>   | “ <i>G. T. Chapman, D.D.,</i> |
| “ Nathaniel G. Allen,           | “ Moses B. Chase,             |
| “ Benjamin B. Babbitt,          | “ Robert F. Chase,            |
| “ Samuel B. Babcock,            | “ <i>F. E. R. Chubbuck,</i>   |
| “ William R. Babcock,           | “ Joseph H. Clinch,           |
| “ Alfred L. Baury,              | “ William B. Colburn,         |
| “ Jas. A. Bolles, D.D.,         | “ George S. Converse,         |
| “ Gordon M. Bradley,            | “ James I. T. Coolidge,       |
| “ Wm. H. Brooks, D.D.,          | “ Andrew Crosswell,           |
| “ John T. Burrill,              | “ Samuel Cutler,              |
| “ <i>Chas. Burroughs, D.D.,</i> | “ Wm. D'O. Doty,              |
| “ Henry Burroughs,              | “ Theo. Edson, D.D.,          |
| “ C. Ingles Chapin,             | “ D. G. Estes, D.D.,          |

|                                   |                                |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| The Rev. <i>Thomas F. Fales</i> , | The Rev. Joshua R. Peirce,     |
| “ Justin Field,                   | “ <i>Jesse A. Penniman</i> ,   |
| “ P. Voorhees Finch,              | “ William R. Pickman,          |
| “ J. S. Copley Greene,            | “ G. M. Randall, D.D.,         |
| “ David G. Haskins,               | “ John B. Richmond,            |
| “ William A. Holbrook,            | “ John P. Robinson,            |
| “ Nich's Hoppin, D.D.,            | “ Robert C. Rogers,            |
| “ George Howell,                  | “ <i>John H. Rouse</i> ,       |
| “ F.D. Huntington, D.D.,          | “ George Rumney,               |
| “ Wm. R. Huntington,              | “ <i>Charles Seymour</i> ,     |
| “ George G. Jones,                | “ Chas. Henry Seymour,         |
| “ Henry L. Jones,                 | “ <i>G. C. Shepard, D.D.</i> , |
| “ Cyrus F. Knight,                | “ Edmund F. Slafter,           |
| “ T. R. Lambert, D.D.,            | “ Cornelius B. Smith,          |
| “ Charles H. Learoyd,             | “ Theodore W. Snow,            |
| “ William F. Lhoyd,               | “ Samuel S. Spear,             |
| “ <i>George L. Locke</i> ,        | “ Peter H. Steenstra,          |
| “ Andrew Mackie,                  | “ Moses P. Stickney,           |
| “ Henry McClory,                  | “ A. H. Washburn,              |
| “ <i>George H. McKnight</i> ,     | “ <i>Elisha F. Watson</i> ,    |
| “ W. H. Mills,                    | “ J. L. Watson, D.D.,          |
| “ Pliny B. Morgan,                | “ Robert Weeks,                |
| “ James Mulchahey,                | “ E. M. P. Wells, D.D.,        |
| “ Gustavus M. Murray,             | “ <i>John West</i> ,           |
| “ William H. Nelson,              | “ Francis Wharton,             |
| “ W. R. Nicholson, D.D.,          | “ <i>John Crocker White</i> ,  |
| “ George Packard,                 | “ George D. Wildes,            |
| “ <i>William P. Page</i> ,        | “ William Withington,          |
| “ George Sturgis Paine,           | “ William Wright,              |
| “ <i>S. P. Parker, D.D.</i> ,     | “ A. M. Wylie.                 |
| “ Albert C. Patterson,            |                                |

The following list of Clergymen, entitled to seats but not to votes, was then called over:—

The Rev. Henry W. Adams, The Rev. Samuel H. Hilliard,

|                        |                         |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| " William S. Bartlet,  | " Charles W. Homer,     |
| " Benjamin F. Cooley,  | " William A. Jenks,     |
| " George Denham,       | " Joseph Kidder,        |
| " Edward DeZeng,       | " Nathan W. Munroe,     |
| " Ormond H. Dutton,    | " Edmund B. Palmer,     |
| " Francis A. Foxcroft, | " Dexter Potter,        |
| " Frederick Freeman,   | " Kensey Johns Stewart, |
| " Lewis Green,         | " Elliott D. Tomkins,   |
| " Edward H. Harlow,    | " Edward L. Wells,      |
| " William G. Hawkins,  | " Pelham Williams.      |

The Secretary then called over the names of the Parishes in union with the Convention, when the Lay Delegates from the same handed in the Certificates of their election.

*Amesbury, St. James's.* Philip Osgood, Stephen Webster, Christopher Bassett.

*Attleborough, Grace.* Otis Stanley, Thomas Aston, Thos. Schofield.

*Andover, Christ.* Francis Cogswell, Henry G. Tyer, Marcus Morton.

*Ashfield, St. John's.* Moses Cook, Joshua Hall, Allen Phillips.

*Boston, Trinity.* Geo. M. Dexter, Charles Henry Parker, Thomas C. Amory, Jr.

*Boston, Christ.* John Fox, Edward McGinness, John Wooley.

*Boston, St. Paul's.* J. S. Fay, Nathan Matthews, Nath'l Walker.



- Boston, Church of the Messiah.* William Babson, William C. Nicholson, *J. H. Hathorne.*
- Boston, Advent.* George C. Shattuck, M.D., R. H. Dana, Jr., Isaac F. Redfield.
- Boston, St. Mark's.* Robert H. Waters, *John Kehew, C. Purviance.*
- Boston, Emmanuel.* E. R. Mudge, Jonathan French, B. S. Rotch.
- Boston, Free Church of St. Mary.* *Henry Wright, George L. Thomas, Richard Middleton.*
- Boston, St. Matthew's.* Henry W. Nelson, Joseph Hale, *Thomas Hill.*
- Boston, St. John's.* Daniel Byron, Phineas Drew, John Watson.
- Bridgewater, Trinity.* John Edson, *George L. Edson.*
- Brighton, Epiphany.* William Henry, Chas. H. B. Breck, *Maurice Goddard.*
- Brookline, St. Paul's.* James S. Amory, *John A. Burnham, Amos A. Lawrence.*
- Cambridge, Christ.* S. Batchelder, Jr., Charles C. Little, Richard F. Bond.
- Cambridge, St. Peter's.* *James H. Hallett, J. K. Palmer, M.D.*
- Charlestown, St. John's.* George N. Fisher, William A. Herrick, James C. Benn.
- Chelsea, St. Luke's.* *G. M. Golden, John Folice, William Challenger.*
- Chicopee, Grace.*
- Clappville, Christ.* George Brown, *E. G. Carlton.*
- Danvers, Calvary.* *J. S. Pratt, C. F. Howard, James Inman.*
- Dedham, St. Paul's.* Ira Cleveland, Thomas L. Wakefield, Erastus Worthington.
- Dorchester, St. Mary's.* Charles Stimpson, *James Sawyer, D. C. Hood,*

- Dorchester (Hyde Park), Christ.* S. A. Bradbury, W. H. Hoogs, G. W. Pearson.
- Fall River, Ascension.* Walter C. Durfee, Rich'd W. Batt, Nathaniel Lewis.
- Framingham, St. John's.* James W. Brown, W. W. Howe, W. Frank Hurd.
- Gloucester, St. John's.*
- Great Barrington, St. James's.*
- Greenfield, St. James's.* Henry W. Clapp, Chester C. Conant, W. W. Draper.
- Hanover, St. Andrew's.* Josiah M. Smith, John Cushing, Lemuel C. Waterman.
- Haverhill, Trinity.*
- Hopkinton, St. Paul's.*
- Lanesborough, St. Luke's.*
- Lawrence, Grace.* Henry Barton, Lemuel A. Bishop, Daniel P. Crocker.
- Lee, St. George's.* Lucius Crocker, Charles Barns, Thomas A. Oman.
- Lenox, Trinity.*
- Lowell, St. Anne's.* John O. Green, M.D., William A. Burke, Stephen R. Hanscom.
- Lowell, St. John's.* Elisha Huntington, M.D., Wyllis G. Eaton, Alfred Gilman.
- Lynn, St. Stephen's.* Edward S. Davis, William F. Johnson, Josiah F. Kimball.
- Malden, Grace.*
- Marblehead, St. Michael's.* Caleb Prentiss, 3d, R. F. Marden, George F. Merritt.
- Medford, Grace.* J. Hedenburg, M.D.
- Melross, Trinity.* Charles P. Gordon, James Perkins, R. C. Graves.
- Millville, St. John's.* William A. Cole, Lyman Legg, Robinson J. M. Chase.

*Nantucket, St. Paul's.*

*New Bedford, Grace.* Samuel Leonard, Jr., A. H. Tobey,  
George Macomber.

*New Boston, St. Andrew's.*

*Newburyport, St. Paul's.* David Wood, Nathaniel Foster,  
Alfred W. Lord.

*Newton, St. Mary's.* C. S. Flagg, Otis E. Bowen, John  
Pulcifer.

*Newton, Grace.* George Linder, E. F. Waters, S. W.  
Holmes.

*North Adams, St. John's.*

*Northampton, St. John's.*

*Otis, St. Paul's.*

*Pittsfield, St. Stephen's.*

*Plymouth, Christ.* Joseph Smith, Chas. Raymond, Hervey  
W. Weston.

*Quincy, Christ.* Atherton Tilden, Charles C. Jewett, M.  
F. Dunklee.

*Roxbury, St. James's.* Charles McBurney, Sam'l Walker,  
Franklin Darracott.

*Salem, St. Peter's.*

*Salem, Grace.* Benjamin Shreve, L. D. Shepard, George  
M. Whipple.

*Somerville, Emmanuel.*

*Southborough, St. Mark's.* George L. Gillmore, Joseph  
Burnett, Francis W. Walker.

*Springfield, Christ.* T. T. S. Laidley, James D. Brewer,  
James H. Morton.

*Stockbridge, St. Paul's.*

*Swansea, Christ.* William H. Pearse, Preserved S. Gardner,  
James L. Wellington.

*Taunton, St. Thomas's.* Samuel L. Crocker, Edmund H.  
Bennett, William Mason.

*Vandeuenville, Trinity.*

*Wallham, Christ.* Wolcott Richards, M. D., Gilbert M. Cheaney, Moses E. Osgood.

*West Roxbury (Jamaica Plain), St. John's.* Daniel B. Hagar, Thomas P. Proctor, Jonathan Amory.

*Wilkinsonville, St. John's.* Harvey Dodge, *Seth Hartwell,*  
*James Anderson.*

*Woods' Hole, Messiah.*

*Worcester, All Saints'.* Francis Hilliard, *M. B. Green,*  
Edward L. Davis.

The Bishop then appointed the following Committee on Qualifications, to whom the lists of the Clergy, and the Credentials of the Lay Delegates, were referred :

The Rev. William R. Babcock, the Rev. George D. Wildes, Joseph S. Fay.

On motion,

*Resolved,* That this Convention now adjourn, to meet this P. M. at 4 o'clock.

Adjourned.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The Rev. William R. Babcock, from the Committee on Qualifications, made the following Report:—

The Committee on Qualifications respectfully report, — That the second Resolution of the Report of the Committee on the Amendment of the Constitution, in relation to the amendment of the *third paragraph of the third article of the Constitution*, was, by the action of the Convention of 1863, *indefinitely postponed*. That, through an error of the Committee on *Unfinished Business*, the Amendment so postponed was reported as *Unfinished Business* to the Convention of 1864, and as such was acted

upon. That such amendment having been disposed of, at the previous Convention, any action on the same was, in consequence, irregular, and therefore void.

The Committee report that it is, in their opinion, competent for this Convention to require Certificates only, in accordance with the provisions of the form authorized by vote of the Convention of 1849, and printed on the cover of the Journal of 1864.

The Committee report, that the Certificates received from the Secretary of this Convention were all in due form, and that the Delegates therein named are accordingly entitled to seats in this Convention, with the following exceptions:—

|                  |   |   |   |              |
|------------------|---|---|---|--------------|
| Emmanuel Church, | . | . | . | Somerville,  |
| St. James's      | " | . | . | Amesbury,    |
| St. John's       | " | . | . | Gloucester,  |
| Grace            | " | . | . | New Bedford. |

These four Certificates were signed by the *Rectors* of those Parishes, respectively, and consequently do not conform to the requirement of the Constitution.

In relation to the Certificate from St. Andrew's Church, Chelsea, the Committee have reason to believe that this Parish has no just claim to representation in this Convention.

The Committee further report, that they believe the list of the Clergy, as read by the Secretary this morning, to be correct.

W. R. BABCOCK.

GEO. D. WILDES.

JOS. S. FAY.

Which Report was, on motion, adopted.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Delegates from St. James's Church, Amesbury, and Grace Church, New Bedford, be admitted to seats in this Convention.

The list of the Lay Delegates was then called over by the Secretary, and those present answered to their names. A quorum of both orders being present, the Bishop pronounced the Convention organized and ready for business.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That in the election of a Secretary balloting be dispensed with.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Rev. Jps. H. Clinch, the former Secretary, be re-elected.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That in the election of a Treasurer balloting be dispensed with.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Rev. Sam'l B. Babcock, the former Treasurer, be re-elected.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the reading of the Standing Order of Business and Rules of Order, be dispensed with.

The Chair announced the following Committees:

*On New Parishes.* The Rev. F. D. Huntington, D.D., the Rev. B. B. Babbitt, the Rev. Charles H. Seymour, Francis Hilliard, Jonathan Amory.

*On Constitution and Canons.* The Rev. Francis Wharton, the Rev. William R. Nicholson, D.D., the Rev. W. H. Mills, Chas. Henry Parker, Isaac F. Redfield.

*Executive Committee.* The Rev. William H. Brooks, D.D., the Rev. Andrew Mackie, Ira Cleveland.

*Committee on Unfinished Business.* The Rev. Gustavus M. Murray, George M. Dexter, Wyllis G. Eaton.

*Finance Committee.* The Rev. John L. Watson, D.D., Nathan Matthews, Henry W. Nelson.

The Bishop then delivered his Annual Address.

## Annual Address.

MY BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY:—

I ask your attention, on meeting you once more in annual Convention, to the canonical statement of my official acts, and of events in the history of this Diocese, during the past year.

On Trinity Sunday, May 22, I catechized the children in the afternoon, and confirmed 4 persons in the evening, in the temporary place of worship of the congregation of Grace Church, Newton Corner.

On Tuesday, May 24, I catechized the children in the afternoon, and confirmed 19 persons in the evening, in Christ Church, Springfield.

On Wednesday, May 25, I preached in the morning in St. John's, Northampton; and

In the evening of the same day, confirmed 1 in the temporary place of worship occupied by the congregation of St. Paul's, Holyoke. This was my first visit to that parish. Since that time the Rev. Joseph Kidder has resigned its charge, and has been succeeded by the Rev. Ormond H. Dutton, from the Diocese of New York.

On Thursday, May 26, I confirmed 5 in the afternoon in St. James's, Greenfield.

On Friday, May 27, I confirmed 19 in the evening in the

temporary place of worship used by the congregation of Christ Church, Fitchburg.

On the First Sunday after Trinity, May 29, I confirmed 6 in the afternoon in St. Mary's, Newton Lower Falls; and also visited the Sunday School, and examined the pupils in the Church Catechism. The Rev. W. W. Sever has resigned this charge, and removed to the Diocese of Rhode Island; and has been succeeded at Newton Lower Falls by the Rev. Mr. Kidder.

On Monday, May 31, I confirmed 3 in the evening in St. Stephen's, Lynn. The Rev. George S. Paine has resigned the charge of this parish, and become the Rector of Christ Church, Clappville, made vacant by the resignation of the Rev. W. B. Colburn. Mr. Paine has been succeeded at Lynn by the Rev. Gordon M. Bradley.

On Tuesday, May 31, I confirmed 10 in the afternoon in Grace Church, Salem. The Rector of this parish has held Sunday evening services in South Danvers, from which it is hoped that permanent results may grow.

In the evening of the same day, I confirmed 13 in St. Peter's, in the same city. The services held at Beverly by the Rector of St. Peter's, aided by the Rev. Mr. Hilliard, have resulted in the organization of a parish by the name of St. Peter's, and in the building of a church.

On Wednesday, June 1, I confirmed 2 in the evening in St. Michael's, Marblehead.

On Thursday, June 2, I confirmed 5 in the evening in St. Paul's, Newburyport.

On Tuesday, June 7, I confirmed 7 in the evening in St. Mary's, Dorchester.

On Wednesday, June 8, I confirmed 5 in the evening in Christ Church, Quincy.



On the Third Sunday after Trinity, June 12, I confirmed 7 in the afternoon in Grace Church, Medford.

On Monday, June 13, I confirmed 3 in the evening in St. Mark's, Southborough.

On Tuesday, June 14, I had the pleasure, in presence of several of the clergy, and of a large congregation, of consecrating to the service of God St. John's Church, Framingham; the debt upon it, as I remarked in my Address to the last Convention, having been some months previously discharged. We have reason to congratulate this parish on this important step in its progress; and it is a fitting opportunity for expressing our wishes and prayers for a continuance of that divine blessing, which has so evidently followed the undertaking from its beginning to the present moment. The Rev. Reese F. Alsop, who was Rector at the time of this consecration, has removed to the Diocese of New York, and has been succeeded by the Rev. William H. Neilson, Deacon, from the same Diocese.

In the evening of the above day I confirmed 14 in the same Church.

On the Fourth Sunday after Trinity, June 19, I confirmed 5 in the afternoon in Trinity Church, Melrose.

On Monday, June 20, at an Ordination held in the temporary place of worship of the congregation of Grace Church, Newton Corner, I admitted to Deacon's Orders Mr. George Howell, and Mr. William D'Orville Doty, Candidates for Orders of this Diocese; the former being late a Minister of the Baptist denomination. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. W. S. Perry, of the Diocese of Maine. Mr. Howell officiated for some time after his ordination in the Diocese of Pennsylvania; and Mr. Doty is Assistant to the Rector of St. Paul's, Boston.

In the afternoon of the same day, I confirmed 6 in St. Paul's, Brookline.

On Tuesday, June 21, I confirmed 1 in the evening in St. Thomas's, Taunton.

On Wednesday, June 22, I confirmed 16 in the evening in Grace Church, New Bedford.

On Thursday, June 23, I preached in the afternoon in Christ Church, Swansea; and

In the evening of the same day, confirmed 9 in the Church of the Ascension, Fall River.

St. John Baptist's Day, Friday, June 24, I preached in the afternoon in Trinity Church, Bridgewater.

On the Fifth Sunday after Trinity, June 26, I confirmed 10 in the afternoon in Christ Church, Waltham.

On Tuesday, June 28, I confirmed 4 in the afternoon in St. Andrew's, Hanover.

On Thursday, June 30, I confirmed 10 in the evening in St. John's, Millville. I am glad to say that I found the Rector residing in a well-built and convenient parsonage, beautifully situated, which has been erected by the parish.

On Friday, July 1, I confirmed 8 in the evening in the hall occupied by the congregation of Emmanuel Church, Somerville. The Rev. Mr. True, since that time, has resigned the parish, and been transferred to Pennsylvania, and has been succeeded by the Rev. Edward H. Harlow, from the Diocese of Maryland.

On Tuesday, July 5, I catechized the children in the afternoon in Christ Church, Plymouth, and confirmed 1 person in the evening.

On Wednesday, July 6, I confirmed 18 in the evening in Grace Church, Lawrence.

On Thursday, July 7, I confirmed 9 in the evening in Christ

Church, Andover, including 1 from the Church of the Advent, Boston.

On Friday, July 8, I confirmed 6 in the evening in Trinity Church, Haverhill.

On Monday, July 11, at an Ordination held in St. James's, Roxbury, I admitted to Deacon's Orders Mr. Edward Hale, and Mr. William A. Holbrook, Candidates for Orders of this Diocese. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Francis Wharton, Rector of St. Paul's, Brookline. Mr. Hale has been transferred to the Diocese of Delaware, and Mr. Holbrook is assistant to the Rector of Emmanuel Church, Boston.

On Monday, September 19, I catechized the children in the afternoon, and confirmed 3 persons in the evening, in St. John's, Wilkinsonville.

On the morning of Tuesday, September 20, I had the great pleasure of laying the corner stone of Grace Church, Oxford. In my Address to the Convention of last year, I mentioned the beginning of regular services in this town by the Rev. Mr. Lhoyd. These ministrations, by God's blessing, resulted in the organization of a parish; and, with remarkable alacrity, the people proceeded to the building of a parish church of stone, and requested my services on the interesting occasion to which I have just referred. There was a numerous assemblage of the inhabitants, and of members of our Church from other places, and several of the Clergy were also present. An address was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Wharton, Rector of St. Paul's, Brookline; and he was followed by a few words of congratulation from myself. The rapid success of this work at Oxford is, I trust, the harbinger of permanent spiritual blessing to that town, through the agency of our beloved Church in setting forth "the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."

In the afternoon of the same day, I preached in Christ Church, Clappville.

On Thursday, September 22, I preached in the morning and evening in St. John's, Ashfield. The vacancy in the Rectorship of this parish made by the death of the Rev. Mr. Flower has, I am happy to say, been filled by the appointment of the Rev. Lewis Green, who has thus returned from Connecticut to this Diocese in which he began his ministry, and for many years faithfully preached the Gospel.

On Friday, September 23, I preached in the evening in South Adams; and

On the following day, confirmed 2 in St. John's, North Adams.

On the Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity, September 25, I preached in the morning in St. Luke's, Lanesborough. The Rev. S. B. Shaw, for the long period of 34 years the Rector of this ancient parish, has just resigned his charge; being compelled, I am sorry to say, by impaired eye sight, to suspend for the present all parochial labors. Our cordial wishes will attend him for his future happiness, and for deliverance, through God's blessing on rest from ministerial work, from the infirmity by which that work has been interrupted.

In the evening of the same day, I confirmed 1 in St. Stephen's, Pittsfield. The Rev. John Stearns resigned the Rectorship of this parish, and was transferred to the Diocese of New Jersey, during the last summer; and was shortly afterwards removed to a better world. He has been succeeded in the Rectorship of St. Stephen's by the Rev. Edward Livingston Wells, from Kentucky.

On Monday, September 26, I preached in the afternoon in Trinity Church, Lenox.

On Tuesday, September 27, I confirmed 1 in the afternoon in St. Paul's, Stockbridge; and

In the evening of the same day, preached to a numerous congregation at South Lee, where the services of our Church had for some time been statedly administered by the Rev. Dr. Parker, Rector of St. Paul's, Stockbridge. I also examined the children, with great satisfaction, in the Church Catechism. Dr. Parker has since that time left Stockbridge, and taken charge, under the most promising circumstances, of the lately organized parish of Grace Church, Amherst. Every thing indicates prosperity for our Church in this last named town, and permanent results from a movement towards Episcopal services which was made a short time ago by the inhabitants themselves. Dr. Parker has been succeeded at Stockbridge by the Rev. Henry F. Allen.

On Wednesday, September 28, I confirmed in the evening 2 parishioners of St. George's, Lee. The new church was, at the time of my visit, nearly completed, and is now occupied; although, as it is not yet entirely paid for, it has not been consecrated. The Rector of the parish is the Rev. Gustavus M. Murray, from the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

St. Michael and All Angels, Thursday, September 29, I preached in the morning in Trinity Church, Vandeusenville. The intention of building a new church here, of which I spoke in my Address to the last Convention, has, I regret to say, not as yet been carried out. Most earnestly do I hope that the work will soon be begun.

In the evening of the same day, I preached in St. James's, Great Barrington. The Rector of this parish, the Rev. John T. Huntington, has resigned his office, and accepted an appointment as one of the Professors of Trinity College, Hartford, in the Diocese of Connecticut.

On Friday, September 30, I preached in the morning in St. Paul's, Otis, and in the afternoon in St. Andrew's, New Boston.

On the Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity, October 2, I visited for the first time the new parish at Westfield; confirming 12 in the morning, catechizing the children in the afternoon, and preaching a second time in the evening. The services were held in the temporary place of worship of the congregation, which is more than ordinarily commodious. The attendance was numerous; and I anticipate, with the blessing of God, a steady increase of the parish in strength and efficiency.

On Tuesday, October 11, I confirmed 5 in the afternoon in Calvary Church, Danvers.

On Wednesday and Thursday, October 19 and 20, I had the great pleasure of being present at the Annual Meeting of the American Church Missionary Society, and of the Protestant Episcopal Society for the Promotion of Evangelical Knowledge, held in this city. There was, I am rejoiced to say, a more numerous attendance of the members of these two Institutions on this occasion, than had ever before been known; and the public services in their behalf, which took place in St. Paul's Church, were welcomed by large congregations. I trust that those who, from various parts of the United States, honored us by their presence, will feel comfort in the reflection that, as I truly believe, they left a blessing behind them: stirring us up, by their words of exhortation and prayer, to renewed ardor in the Master's work; and deepening our attachment to those great principles of Protestant truth which are imbodyed in the formularies of our Church, and which it is the noble object of these two Societies to extend, one of them through the ministry, and the other through the press. The Reports of each of them showed such manifest evidences of the divine blessing on their

labors, as call not only for gratitude to God, but for encouragement and alacrity of heart in maintaining the pure and simple Gospel, as distinguished from a system of acceptance which is built upon the efficacy of sacramental observance, or the ceremonies of a dead ritualism.

In the afternoon of All Saints' Day, Tuesday, November 1, I confirmed 4 in St. Paul's, Hopkinton. The Rev. Mr. Cooley has relinquished the charge of this parish.

In the evening of the same day, I made my first visit to Holliston; and, in the temporary place of worship used by the congregation, confirmed 18 parishioners of the Church of the Redeemer. There was a very large attendance of people on this occasion. May the ministrations of our Church in this town prove an instrument, in God's hands, not only of establishing a parish flourishing in outward prosperity, but of building up those who belong to it in faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ, and the experimental knowledge of Him as "the way, and the truth, and the life!"

On Tuesday, November 15, I confirmed 12 in the evening in All Saints', Worcester. I have great pleasure in mentioning, as an evidence of the prosperity of this parish, the fact that the church has been considerably enlarged, and the great demand for additional sittings thus in some measure supplied. The appearance of the interior has thereby been much improved. A new and admirable organ, also, has been put up in the church.

On the morning of Saturday, November 26, I had the satisfaction of being present at the opening of the new parish church of St. Luke's, Chelsea. The Rev. P. B. Morgan some time before had resigned the Rectorship of the parish of St. Andrew, and become Rector of St. Luke's; the congregation assembling, as usual, in the small church which I consecrated twenty years

ago to the service of God. Through the divine blessing on his labours, this edifice soon proved too small to accommodate the increasing numbers who desired to attend his ministry; and it was determined, as the best mode of meeting the necessity, to purchase St. Andrew's Church, which, as you all know, had passed out of the possession of the parish to whom it once belonged. It was in this beautiful and commodious edifice that the services to which I have referred were held. I preached a Sermon on this highly interesting and gratifying occasion. May the favour of God be continued to the undertaking, and may He richly reward the many generous friends, both among the clergy and laity of this Diocese, who have assisted the people of St. Luke's in effecting this most desirable arrangement! I see no hindrance now in the way, to prevent this parish from becoming strong and stable, and an instrument of extensive good in the large community in the midst of which it is planted.

On the First Sunday in Advent, November 27, I confirmed in the evening 11 parishioners of the Church of the Epiphany, Brighton. The services took place in the recently finished parish church, which is a chaste and appropriate building, and adapted to the holy objects for which it was erected. I was especially gratified in observing the ample size of the pews, and their construction in such a manner that the congregation may kneel; for it is well known that, in many of our churches, those of the people who desire to observe the proper posture in prayer are absolutely prevented from so doing, by the awkward way in which the sittings are arranged. May God's blessing be with this parish, and so prosper the exertions they are making to remove the debt incurred by the building of their church, that it may soon be presented for consecration!

St. Andrew's Day, Wednesday, November 30, I held an Ordi-



nation at Newton Corner, and admitted to Priest's Orders the Rev. P. H. Steenstra, and the Rev. George Howell, Deacons. Mr. Steenstra is the successor in the Rectorship of Grace Church, Newton Corner, of the Rev. J. S. Copley Greene, who, having resigned that charge, is now acting as Corresponding Secretary of the Massachusetts Church Missionary Society, and combines with this office that of an assistant to the Rector of St. Paul's, Brookline. Mr. Howell has been officiating in Christ Church, Waltham, in place of the Rev. Mr. Fales, who was obliged to seek rest and another climate during the last winter, owing to indisposition. The Sermon on this occasion was preached by the former Rector of Grace Church, Newton Corner, the Rev. J. S. C. Greene, who also, together with the Rev. Messrs. Fales, Mills, and Sever, united with me in the laying on of hands.

In the evening of Monday, December 19, in a hall used by the congregation of Grace Church, Attleborough, I confirmed 4 persons belonging to that parish. My last visit to this place was four years before; regular services having, from various causes, been discontinued for a long time. In June last, ministrations were renewed by the Rev. Albert C. Patterson, who has resigned the Rectorship of St. Mark's, Southborough, and become a Missionary in the Diocese in the employ of the Southern District Church Missionary Association.

On the Sunday after Christmas Day, January 1, 1865, I confirmed 3 in the afternoon in St. Paul's, Boston; and

In the evening of the same day, confirmed 10 in the Free Church of St. Mary for Sailors.

On Tuesday, January 17, at Hartford, Connecticut, I was present, in company with the Bishops of Vermont, Maine, Connecticut, New York, and Rhode Island, and a large assemblage of the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Connecticut and of

other Dioceses, at the funeral of the Right Rev. Thomas O. Brownell, D.D., LL. D., Bishop of Connecticut, and Senior and Presiding Bishop of our Church ; and I also took part in the services of this impressive occasion. An Address was delivered by the Bishop of Maine, reviewing the life, and portraying the qualities, of the departed prelate, with his characteristic beauty of diction, and unction of manner. The death of Bishop Brownell, which took place on the 13th of January, was an event which, from his advanced age, and long and increasing infirmities, had been for some time expected. It was also accompanied by every circumstance of domestic happiness, and affectionate nursing care, which can be desired for one who is approaching his end, and which can alleviate the desolation and sorrow of those who are bereaved. But it was an event which his long Episcopate of 45 years, and the part which he has borne in the affairs of our Church during that period, made one of more than usual interest and solemnity. The features of his character are well known to all, and particularly to those who can remember his course for many years. He was an accomplished scholar, and true Christian gentleman ; a man of great sagacity, and knowledge of men ; one who laboured constantly to promote peace and good-will among all around him ; devotedly attached to the simple beauty and order of our ritual, and having no sympathy with puerile and superstitious practices ; a preacher marked by gravity and dignity of manner, by a polished style, by a distinct and graceful elocution, and by seriousness of matter ; and, in his intercourse with others, uniformly characterized by that cordiality and cheerfulness of which his fine countenance was the expressive index. If I may be allowed to allude to my own personal feelings while I was present at his obsequies, I would say that the sight of his coffin carried me back, with affect-

ing recollection, to the days when I was one of a class of students under his instructions, at the period when the General Theological Seminary of our Church was established at New Haven; and to the open-hearted hospitality then extended to me beneath his roof. And I cannot but remember likewise, with tender interest, the fact that our departed Presiding Bishop was one of those who, more than 22 years ago, within these very walls, assisted in consecrating me to the office which I now fill. He has gone to his rest. God grant that, as we see brethren and fathers passing one after another away, we may be stimulated so to live and labour, that at length we may "finish our course with joy, and the ministry we have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God!"

In the evening of the Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany, February 5, I was present at the celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the establishment of the Sunday School of Christ Church, Boston. The services took place in the church, and a more interesting occasion of a similar kind I have never attended, as it regards the precision of the answers of the scholars when catechized, and the correctness and joyous animation of their singing. A large congregation was present, to whom, at the conclusion of the exercises, I delivered an Address. The children were addressed by the Rector; and also, in a most effective manner, by Mr. Stephen G. Deblois, who, many years ago, was the Superintendent of this school.

In the evening of Wednesday, February 22, I attended a missionary meeting in St. Luke's, Chelsea; this being the last service of one of the meetings of the Eastern District Church Missionary Association. After addresses by the Rev. Messrs. Bradley and Denham, of this Diocese, and the Rev. Mr. Bonham,

of the Diocese of Rhode Island, I made a few concluding remarks to the congregation.

In the evening of the Second Sunday in Lent, March 12, I was present at one of the monthly examinations of the Sunday School of St. Stephen's Chapel, in this city. There was a numerous gathering of scholars, who were examined in the Holy Scriptures with reference to a particular subject by the superintendent of the school, Mr. Russell Sturgis, jr. After this examination, in the course of which hymns were sung by the children, I delivered to them an Address. I found the occasion very impressive; and take this opportunity of acknowledging the zeal and devotion of the teachers in this school, who, though generally connected with parishes at a distance from this place, consecrate so much of their time to the work of bringing to the children of the poor, within the walls of St. Stephen's, the knowledge of that Lamb of God who "taketh away the sin of the world."

On Monday, March 18, at an Ordination held in St. Paul's, Boston, I admitted to Priest's Orders the Rev. Henry Freeman Allen, Deacon, Rector of St. Paul's, Stockbridge. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Burrill, who also, together with the Rev. Henry Burroughs, united with me in the laying on of hands.

On the Third Sunday in Lent, March 19, I confirmed 4 in the afternoon in St. Mark's, Boston, including 1 from St. Paul's, Brookline.

On the Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 26, I confirmed 13 in the evening in St. Matthew's, South Boston.

Monday, March 27, I confirmed 14 in the evening in the temporary place of worship of the parish of St. Paul's, Holyoke. A very large congregation was present; and I feel encouragement, from what I saw, in regard to the growth of the spiritual as well as temporal prosperity of this new station of our Church.

On Saturday, April 1, the Bishop of New York, at an Ordination held in Christ Church, Bay Ridge, admitted to Priest's Orders, at my request, the Rev. Elliott D. Tomkins, Deacon, who had previously been received by Letters Dimissory from the Diocese of Western New York, and become the Rector of St. John's, Northampton.

On the Fifth Sunday in Lent, April 2, I confirmed 26 in the evening in the Church of the Messiah, Boston.

On Wednesday, April 5, I confirmed 11 in the evening in St. Stephen's Chapel, Boston.

On the Sunday next before Easter, April 9, I confirmed 11 in the morning in Trinity Church, Boston; and

In the afternoon of the same day, confirmed 12 in St. Paul's, Boston; making, with the 3 already mentioned, and 1 hereafter to be noticed, 16 as the number for the year.

Tuesday before Easter, April 11, I confirmed 5 in the afternoon in Christ Church, Cambridge.

Wednesday before Easter, April 12, I confirmed 54 in the evening in St. Anne's, Lowell, including 1 from St. John's.

Thursday before Easter, April 13, I confirmed 59 in the evening in Emmanuel Church, Boston, including 1 from St. Paul's.

Good Friday, April 14, I confirmed 40 in the evening in St. James's, Roxbury.

Easter Even April 15, I confirmed 10 in the afternoon in St. Paul's, Brookline; making, with the 7 already mentioned, 17 as the whole number for the year.

Easter Day, April 16, I confirmed 4 in the evening in St. John's, East Boston.

Tuesday in Easter Week, April 18, I confirmed 19 in the evening in St. John's, Lowell, including 1 from the parish of St. Anne's.

On Wednesday, April 26, I confirmed 8 in the evening in St. John's, Gloucester. The new parish church, though finished and occupied, has still some encumbrance resting on it, and has, therefore, not yet been consecrated.

On the Second Sunday after Easter, April 30, I confirmed 23 in the evening in St. John's, Charlestown.

On the Third Sunday after Easter, May 7, I confirmed 27 in the afternoon in the Church of the Advent, Boston, including 1 from St. John's, Charlestown.

On Monday, May 8, I officiated for the first time at Wrentham, where a parish has been organized since the last Convention, by the name of Trinity Church. The service, which was in the evening, was held in a very convenient place of worship, which is regularly used by the congregation; and I administered the rite of Confirmation to 5 persons in presence of a numerous attendance of parishioners and others. This parish is in charge of the Rev. N. G. Allen; who, when he accepted this cure, relinquished the charge of the congregations at East Somerville and East Cambridge.

On Thursday, May 11, I performed the welcome duty of consecrating St. Matthew's Church, South Boston. In recording this service, I take the opportunity of expressing my appreciation of the perseverance of the Rector and people of this parish, in labouring for the removal of the debt which had so long encumbered the property, and hindered this place of worship from being solemnly set apart for its holy purposes; and also of thanking those other members of our Church who so generously aided the parishioners in their efforts. I trust that the happy event which has just taken place is the precursor of an equally zealous movement towards the enlarging of the present building, which is inadequate to the wants of our beloved Church in that part of

the city. In this work I trust that the people of St. Matthew's will find, if needed, the same sympathy and cordial assistance from Christian friends which they have hitherto received. On the happy occasion above mentioned, there was a numerous attendance of the Clergy of the Diocese, and of others, to join in the prayers and praises provided by our Church for dedicating the temples of the Almighty to his honour and glory.

In the evening of the same day, I administered the rite of Confirmation to 5 persons in Christ Church, Hyde Park.

In the evening of Friday, May 12, I confirmed 6 in Christ Church, Boston.

On the Fourth Sunday after Easter, May 14, I confirmed 9 in the afternoon in the temporary place of worship of Grace Church, Malden. The present incumbent of this parish is the Rev. C. I. Chapin, Deacon, who has been received by Letters Dimissory from the Diocese of Ohio.

And, in conclusion of this summary, I have to record that I have this morning admitted to Deacon's Orders, in this church, Messrs. Carlos Slafter, and James O. Scripture, Candidates for Orders of this Diocese.

The record thus given furnishes the following results :—I have confirmed, during the year which has now closed, 689 persons ; ordained 6 Deacons and 4 Priests ; consecrated 2 churches ; laid the corner stone of 1 church ; and 3 parishes have been organized.

Besides the changes in the Diocese already recorded, the following have occurred :—The Rev. George A. Strong has been transferred to the Diocese of Pennsylvania, and the Rev. B. F. DeCosta to that of New York ; the Rev. B. F. Cooley, Deacon, has been received from Connecticut ; the Rev. William Wright has been received from the Diocese of Pennsylvania, and has

been officiating during the past year as assistant to the Rev. Mr. Burrill both in Christ Church, and in the Diocesan Mission to Seamen ; the Rev. Henry Adams has been received from Ohio, but has been compelled, I regret to say, by ill health to resign the charge of Trinity Church, Milford ; the Rev. Mr. Hilliard has ceased his ministrations at Beverly ; and the Rev. Andrew Croswell is officiating in a congregation in North Cambridge.

The following are the Candidates for Holy Orders : — Wentworth S. Butler, Daniel S. Preston, James Kent Stone, James H. Saville, Henry J. W. Allen, Alexander V. G. Allen, Simeon C. Hill, Frank W. Winslow, William J. Harris, James Haughton, Jr., and John R. Karcher — Total, 11.

Having presented this statement of our history during the past year, I shall for only a few moments longer occupy your attention.

I have already reminded you of the departure of the venerable Presiding Bishop ; and, since his burial, death has also removed from this world the Bishop of Western New York, Dr. William H. DeLancey. He had, for many years before this event, been laboring under great physical infirmity ; but it was anticipated that the recent relief from official cares, provided by the election of an Assistant Bishop, would lead to a mitigation of his disease, and the prolongation of his life. But God has otherwise appointed, and he has descended to that grave to which we are all hastening. I have known Bishop DeLancey from the time of his first entrance on the ministry. He was a man, as you all know, of great ability, of high culture, of superior administrative powers, and of untiring industry ; and in social intercourse charmed everybody by the polished courtesy of his manners. Some now present will be reminded, by his death, of his participation in the act of my own consecration, and of the clear,



cogent, and eloquent sermon which he delivered on that occasion from the pulpit of this church. Of all the prelates who then laid hands on my head, not one now remains. This thought comes home with great solemnity to my own heart. And the departure, before he had reached extreme age, of this distinguished person, suggests to us, the ministers of Christ, a lesson of the uncertainty of that life, during which the momentous work is to be done of "saving ourselves, and them that hear us."

Since last we met, my dear brethren, what a blessed change has passed over the affairs of this afflicted country! And what grounds have its inhabitants, and we among the number, for overflowing gratitude to God, at the sight of a most wicked rebellion at length defeated; its military power broken; and the dawn appearing of what we trust will ere long be a bright day of union restored, of the renewal of the arts of peace, and of the blotting out of human bondage from every portion of the national territory! These rejoicings have, it is true, been mingled with consternation at that awful event of the murder of the President of these United States, which has filled every corner of the civilized world with horror. But how fitted this calamity to humble us! to lead us from dependence on human instruments! and to turn us to the Lord God Almighty as our only Shield and Buckler! And let us not forget, that the happiness of our future will depend upon our righteousness as a nation. What a motive, therefore, have the ministry for proclaiming faithfully the message of the gospel, and Christian people for laboring and praying in behalf of their fellow-men! In the work of bringing religion to bear on the nation, our own Church has an important part to perform: for how calculated surely it is to exert a blessed influence, through the hallowed

services of its Liturgy, in correcting the irreverence which so fearfully prevails for God's holy word, for his crucified and everlasting Son, and for all sacred things! Let us be thankful for these advantages; and may a due consideration of them lead to increased zeal, and an enlarged liberality, on the part of the lay-members of our communion, in extending its ordinances not only through this Diocese, but through the length and breadth of the land!

I should be wanting in the manifestation of a due sense of the Christian love, consideration, and liberality, evinced by a recent act of one of the laity of this Diocese, did I not refer, before closing, to the munificent gift, by Robert M. Mason, Esq., of \$5000, towards the relief of those of the Clergy who, during the high prices of the past year, have been suffering anxiety and privation under the pressure of inadequate means of sustaining their families. I have endeavored, in conjunction with the respected lay gentlemen appointed by him to act with me in the distribution of this sum, to appropriate it in such a manner as to accomplish most effectually the object Mr. Mason had in view. And I take this opportunity of thanking with all my heart and soul, — and I am sure you will join in these thanks, — my estimable friend, for this noble remembrance, from the distant capital of France where he is residing, of the necessities of those who, in his native Diocese, are preaching the gospel to men. Those who know Mr. Mason will readily feel, that this publicity formed no part of his aims in this generous gift. But our own duty is not, on that account, the less binding; and I must not forget to say, that the substantial value of the gift has been enhanced by the delicacy of the manner in which his intentions were first communicated. May the blessing of God descend upon himself and his family, now and evermore!

And now may the Holy Spirit direct our proceedings, and make us do such things as shall conduce to the glory of the Saviour, and the prosperity of his kingdom!

The Rev. Samuel A. Babcock presented the Treasurer's account, which was referred, on motion, to the Committee on Finance.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Secretary be requested to enter in the Journal all votes and resolutions acted on by this Convention, with the names of the movers, and the numbers voting in the affirmative and negative respectively, when counted, unless he shall be otherwise directed by special vote of the Convention; and also that he cause to be preserved the original minutes and documents of the Convention.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That this resolution be laid on the table, to be taken up for future action.

The Rev. Dr. Huntington, from the Committee on New Parishes, reported that the papers from Grace Church, Oxford, Church of Our Redeemer, Holliston, and St. Paul's Church, Holyoke, are correct, and they recommend that the above named Parishes be admitted into union with the Convention.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the three above named Parishes be admitted into union with this Convention.

*Whereupon*, the Delegates from these Parishes appeared and took their seats, as follows:—

*Grace Church, Oxford.* E. E. Harwood, H. G. Kittredge, H. D. W. Bacon.

*Church of Our Redeemer, Holliston.* Benjamin Hoffman, — Blanchard, M.D., G. A. Robinson.

*St. Paul's Church, Holyoke.* Mark K. Pearson, John G. Mackintosh, William G. Hackstaff, Jr.

The Rev. T. R. Lambert, D.D., from the Standing Committee, made the following Report from that body:—

### Report of the Standing Committee.

The Standing Committee present the following Report for the present Conventional year:—

The Committee was duly organized on the sixth day of June, A. D. 1864, by the choice of the Rev. George M. Randall, D.D., as President, and the Rev. Thomas R. Lambert, D. D., as Secretary. The Committee have had fifteen meetings.

They have signed the Canonical Testimonials of the Revds. P. H. Steenstra, George Howell, Jr., Henry F. Allen, E. D. Tomkins, Benjamin F. Cooley, C. Ingles Chapin, Geo. Denham, and George L. Locke, Deacons, recommending them to be admitted to the Order of the Priesthood.

They have signed the Canonical Testimonials of George Howell, Jr. (late a Minister of the Baptist Denomination), William D'Orville Doty, William A. Holbrook, Edward Hale, Carlos Slafter, James O. Scripture, and A. V. G. Allen, applying to be admitted to the Order of Deacons.

They have signed the Canonical Testimonials of H. J. W. Allen, A. V. G. Allen, George Brown, Frank W. Winslow, Simeon C. Hill, William J. Harris (late a Minister of the Congregational Denomination), James Haughton, Jr., and John K. Karcher (late a Minister of the Unitarian Denomination), recommending them to be candidates for Holy Orders.

They have signed the Canonical Testimonials of the Rev. Thomas H. Vail, D.D., Bishop elect of Kansas, and the Rev.

Arthur Cleveland Coxe, D.D., Assistant Bishop elect of the Diocese of Western New York.

They have approved bills in favor of Rev. Joseph H. Clinch, Rev. Samuel B. Babcock, and Messrs. E. P. Dutton & Co.

For the Committee,

THOS. R. LAMBERT, *Secretary.*

On motion,

*Resolved*, That this Convention adjourn, to meet in this Church at 9 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

Adjourned.

*Trinity Church, Thursday,  
9 o'clock, A. M.*

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. George G. Jones, Chaplain in the Army.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the question of members who are not entitled to vote in the Convention being entitled to *take part in the debates*, be referred to the Committee on the Constitution and Canons.

The roll was then called over by the Secretary. Some of the Clergy and Lay Delegates, not present yesterday, appeared and took their seats.

Certificates were handed in from Trinity Church, Haverhill, and St. Paul's Church, Brookline, and the Delegates from those Parishes appeared and took their seats.

The Secretary announced that he had appointed the Rev. William H. Brooks, D.D., as his assistant.

The Rev. Samuel B. Babcock, from the Diocesan Board of Missions, read and presented the Annual Report of that body: —

### Annual Report of Massachusetts Board of Missions.

Dedham, May 15, 1865.

The Diocesan Board of Missions for the Diocese of Massachusetts respectfully present their Annual Report: —

They have held twelve meetings at the house of the Bishop, *ex officio* President of the Board, who has presided at nearly all our sessions, and opened the same with prayer. Our deliberations have been full and friendly, and designed, as we trust, under God, for the best good of the missionary field of the Diocese. Our appropriations have been liberal, to the largest extent of our *ability*, — not by any means to the largest extent of our *desires*.

Our operations might have been many per cent. larger, had those to whom God has given the power to get wealth, and the opportunities also, given as every man was able. Then our treasury would have been full to the overflow, and the Diocese had hardly had room enough to receive it.

Many a man in our favored Zion might have contributed, out of his individual purse, a sum as large as the aggregate of all our receipts, and have been a happier man for the giving.

We are thankful, however, most thankful, to be able to announce that we owe no Missionary aught but our love and prayers, and our treasury is free from debt. Some of the parishes have done nobly; some, from whom we had good reason to expect much, have given sparingly, and some have failed entirely to contribute. The smallest sum that should satisfy a Diocese so respectable as our own, and within whose fold are many who count their wealth by millions, should be ten thousand dollars. Then we could sustain our present Missionaries, and put into the field six or eight itinerants, every one of whom

could be profitably employed to lengthen our cords, without entering into other men's labors.

We shut our eyes to holy duties and precious privileges, which, for blessed Jesus' sake, we ought to hold in high regard. We fold our hands in dignified repose when we should be not only working out our own salvation, but enabling others to tread the path that leadeth unto life. We seal up the fountain of our charities, while the waste places are parched with spiritual drought. The cry of the poor and needy, desiring to be fed with the crumbs that fall from the rich man's table, enters into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth; but our own ears are dull of hearing, that we cannot or will not hear. The Church has not yet learnt "it is high time to awake out of sleep." We are at ease in Zion. The whole Diocese, with all its zeal, with all its ability, with all the magnificent opportunities opened and opening before it, has placed in our hands only the small amount of but little more than \$3,000, with which to send "the faith once delivered to the saints" to such as would learn to love it as they love their lives.

Do we, as a Church, duly consider that we are living in a glorious age, when all the kingdoms are astir? when God is overturning and overturning all lands, as if to bring in speedily the great Day of Redemption, from all that is false and all that is oppressive, that the Son may possess his inheritance. Does the Church perceive that Errorists, even to the denying the Lord that bought us, are active now as they have never been before; active in raising funds, in sending out propagandists, in occupying all possible new places; active in destroying ancient creeds, in removing ancient landmarks, in uprooting the divine constitution of the Church, set in order by Christ after the glorious Ascension Day? Does the Church perceive, *or fail to perceive*, that there are gatherings all around us, gatherings close at our very doors, to give new impulse to their own views of how the Church should be set in order, as if our own were an obstacle in the progress of saving truth? Do we, as a Church, discern the signs of the times in the breaking up of all former ideas, and in

the re-combination of old material into new forms of philosophy and religion? If we did, we could perceive it was emphatically our own working day, and God's grace imparted, the day of power to enter in and occupy the land.

Precisely what the Church has the age demands, an *authoritative government*, a *form of sound words* that cannot be impeached; a *liturgy* that meets the most elevated idea of devotion, that conserves all holy doctrines, that has made the worn pathway of prayer all the centuries through, and that has a freshness to-day like the dew of the morning; a *ministry* that derives not its honor or its sanction from man, but from the Paraclete, and that can appeal to an array of authors of sound learning, who are the acknowledged standards in the great controversies of all who advocate the doctrines of grace. Under what better advantages could we enter into the great work to which the providences of God now so singularly invite? Where is a combination of forces to be found like that the Church can wield, if we wake up our energies to the emergency of the day in which we are living? Not to use our advantage is not to honor Christ. We are bound, especially and eminently, to gird our armor on, and fight the good fight; not for emulation, God forbid; not that others may not surpass us, God forbid; not merely to lift the mitre up, nor hold the sacraments before the eyes of men because they have the superscription of our king, but that we may win immortal souls, that we may be co-workers with Christ in the work the Father sent him to do.

If, as a Church, we have the "one talent," let us use it for the Master's glory. If we have the "ten talents," let us gain therewith ten talents more.

The Episcopal Church should be the first to move in the present crisis that is making a new formative process in the land. The *first*, not the *last*. And our own Diocese, with intelligence in our ranks, with wealth in possession, and amid a population that presents the best material for a successful work, should be behind no other in zeal for the Lord of Hosts.

And these agitations all around us, like surging billows, are



so much in our favor; for many will seek a sure abiding place, where the billows may beat without disturbing the rock on which their feet are planted. Let them not seek in vain.

Are there any data upon which to build a reasonable hope, that this Church can now particularly perform a most efficient work?

First is the fact, that the public mind is wearied and vexed with the vagaries and irreverences incidental to a non-liturgical service of devotion. Hence many are coming to advocate forms of prayer who once rejected them as savouring of a dead formality, and so they carefully prepare a prescript prayer, and *the people love to have it so*. It is an argument used *out of* our Church in favor of our Church, and in so much prepares the way for our own advance.

Next, the prejudice against creeds is fast vanishing away, and a creedless religion is becoming a reproach among the serious and devout. We can offer, and uncounted thousands out of the Church are glad to receive, that which has the sanction of centuries, and which is fortified by all the testimony of Holy Writ. And eminently is the public mind wearied with discussions in the pulpit of the trivial affairs of the passing events of earth; trivial compared with what constitutes the only proper theme of the pulpit, "Christ and Him Crucified."

Our persistent adherence to this principle commends itself to the reflecting and devout mind, so that we have already obtained great favor in the public opinion.

In view of these and other considerations, there are constant solicitations for our services, and a great duty devolves upon us in the premises, as a Church and as a Diocese, to see that the urgency of the demand is met; and we know of no better way to meet it than through the agency of this appointment of the Diocese, whose duty you make it, to water that portion of the heritage of the Lord which lacks the privileges of our old and established parishes. We go out in the name and with the authority of the Diocese, not as proselyters, not as advocates of any partial views of God's great revelation, but to do precisely

what the Master said *he* must do, "preach the kingdom of God to other cities also, for therefore (he says) am I sent;" to do precisely what the inspired Apostles did, "preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ." We go forth representing the Protestant Episcopal Church, and representing our own Diocese, to show that the mystical body of God's dear Son, as thus represented, is a living and not a dead body, and active as well as living, visible to men's eyes, and so appearing to the world around us, that we can say, in Christ's name, "Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself; handle me and see, for a spirit hath not flesh and bones as ye see me have."

We offer a Church that we believe to be Christ's body, — himself the ever-divine head, — of which body strangers to our covenant of promise may become very members incorporate.

It raises against us no hue and cry as in former days, but we find all over this Commonwealth a readiness to receive precisely such a Church, and such a creed, and such doctrines of grace; and many wax confident, if we announce to them that we come in the name, by authority of, and sanctioned by, the Convention of the Diocese, whose servants we are for their sakes, who desire a more excellent way than those which have not always proved to them "ways of pleasantness and paths of peace."

This, then, the duty of this Board of Missions; this, then, the expanding work of the Church in this Diocese. We can now do, by fidelity and zeal, what we have never before been so well able to do; and impressed ourselves with this deep conviction, we have neither diffidence nor much distrust in calling upon the churchmen of Massachusetts, especially upon her wealthier members, to ask each for himself, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? I have been brought to a knowledge of the truth. I have assumed Christian vows. I am accredited before the world as a religious man. I have much goods laid up. I have multiplied blessings and mercies, and I owe much. What wilt thou have me to do?"

Questions thus asked, and there are few not in position to ask

thus, and this would be the result:—Our pitiful \$3,000 would be more than thrice \$8,000; our few and feeble churches would be strengthened and increased; and in new places, scores of new places, we can sow good seed that will spring up and bear fruit, some thirty, some sixty, and some an hundred fold.

God sanctify and govern our hearts and hands, that we may be more and more abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as we know that our labor is not in vain in the Lord.

The following Table presents the appropriations of the Diocesan Board of Missions for the last Conventional Year. The annexed Reports of the Associations show some of the details of our Missionary work.

S. B. BABCOCK,

*Secretary D. B. M.*

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|----------------------------------------------|---------|
| Christ Church, Plymouth, . . . . .           | \$200   |
| Trinity Church, Vandeusenville, . . . . .    | 150     |
| St. John's Church, North Adams, . . . . .    | 200     |
| Christ Church, Swansea, . . . . .            | 150     |
| Calvary Church, Danvers, . . . . .           | 250     |
| St. Paul's Church, Stockbridge, . . . . .    | 200     |
| Epiphany Church, Brighton, . . . . .         | 400     |
| St. John's Church, Gloucester, . . . . .     | 400     |
| Trinity Church, Melrose, . . . . .           | 300     |
| Atonement Church, Westfield, . . . . .       | 400     |
| St. John's Church, Ashfield, . . . . .       | 150     |
| Church of our Redeemer, Holliston, . . . . . | 300     |
| Grace Church, Malden, . . . . .              | 200     |
| Trinity Church, Wrentham, . . . . .          | 100     |
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|                                              | \$3,400 |

*Report of the Eastern District Missionary Association.*

This Association has continued its labors under the same discouraging embarrassments which hindered its work during the last year.

Its meetings have, however, been regularly held, with an

increasing attendance on the part of the Clergy. The public services at the meetings of the Association have not been so largely attended by the Laity as would be desirable.

The number of stations at which services have been held, under the auspices of the Association, have been materially reduced. Two stations have been adopted by the Board; and a third, St. John's, Framingham, no longer looks to the Missionary organization of the Diocese for aid. The only remaining Missionary of the Association is the Rev. J. R. Peirce, Rector of St. John's Church, Gloucester, who has been supported also in part by the Board of Missions.

The amount of money which has actually passed through the hands of our Treasurer has been reduced from \$935.15 to about \$500. This has taken place partly in consequence of the arrangement which has been made with St. Peter's Church, Salem, to turn all its Missionary contributions to the support of the Mission at Beverly, under the control of the Association; and also with St. John's, Charlestown, to devote its contributions to Missionary work in East Cambridge and Somerville.

The work of establishing our Church at Ipswich received a severe, but it is hoped not a fatal, check in the death of that faithful and zealous layman, Jos. E. Bomer, M.D. By his indefatigable exertions, services have been for a long time maintained in that town. It is hard to interpret the ways of God when one so useful and promising in the Church militant is taken to the Church triumphant.

The station at South Danvers has been supplied by the Rev. Rector of Grace Church, Salem,—the Rev. Geo. D. Wildes.

A new station has been adopted at Natick, and services have been maintained there since Jan. 22, by appropriations from the treasury of the Association. This station has presented a very favorable opening. About three hundred dollars now wait the appointment of the Missionary, when the right man is found.

The Parish of the Epiphany, Brighton, still looks to this Association for its nursing care. Its growth is a favorable comment upon the recent efforts of the Association for the

spread of the Church in this Diocese, showing that the Association has lost none of its former Missionary vigor. The Church edifice at this station has been finished and occupied. The Parish at Gloucester has already begun to occupy its new and beautiful Church. So, also, the Parish at Beverly will, in the course of a month, enter its new Church. In all of these stations, there is still a debt upon their Churches. The only one in which this debt is of serious proportion is the Epiphany, Brighton.

The Association can thus sum up, with gratitude to God, as the result of its past two years of labor, three new Parishes, each with its new Church, setting forth, in towns where our Church was little known before, the faith of Christ, as preserved and preached in her Apostolic Order and Scriptural Liturgy.

With a crippled treasury, and a debt still hanging over the Association, we would yet labor on, determined that no opposition from without and no faltering from within, with God's grace, shall prevent the prosecution of the good work, until our Church shall have been planted in her purity and beauty in every town in the counties of Essex and Middlesex.

*To the Rev. S. B. Babcock, Secretary of the Massachusetts Board of Missions :*

Within the year included between Easter, 1864, and Easter, 1865, the Southern District Association has made appropriations to Trinity Parish, Wrentham, the Parish of Christ Church, Hyde Park, and the Parish of Christ Church, Swansea. A District Missionary has been employed, who has devoted his time principally to the Parish of Grace Church, Attleborough.

The amount of money expended in these Missionary operations has been more than fifteen hundred dollars. Without doubt, a much larger sum might be expended during the coming year, with great advantage to the Church of Christ, and to the blessing of many souls.

A. H. WASHBURN, *Secretary.*

The Rev. Francis Wharton, from the Committee

on Constitution and Canons, in  
Report:—

The Committee on Canons respectfully

It appearing that the vote of the last  
to adopt an alteration of the third article  
regard to the Lay Delegates in this Conve  
cants, was passed under the misapprehens  
alteration had been accepted for considera  
of 1863, when such was not the fact:

*Therefore resolved,* That the aforesaid v  
of 1864, being wholly inoperative in cons  
prehension, the third article of the Consti  
as if that vote had not been passed, and  
hereafter in the Journal. FRANCIS W

The Bishop announced the pr  
vention of the Rt. Rev. Thos. H. V  
of Kansas, who was thereupon inv  
Convention to take a seat on the  
Bishop.

On motion of Francis Coggswell

*Resolved,* That the matter of the altera  
tion, made or attempted to be made at th  
referred to the Committee on the Consti  
report the facts to this Convention, togeth  
as to the proper course to be adopted in re

The Rev. George M. Randall, D.  
trar, presented the following Ann

The Church Registrar reports that he  
last Convention:

From the Rev. Alfred L. Baury, the O  
timonial of the election of the Rt. Rev. Bi

A report of the trial of the Rev. Oliver L. Prescott, for heresy.

A copy of the Journal of the Diocesan Convention of Maine for A. D. 1864, from the Rev. Ed. Ballard.

A MSS. Sermon of Bishop Bass, preached in 1765, from Mr. John Lord.

Reports of Debates in the General Convention, from Rev. Samuel Cutler.

An account of the organization, etc., of Emmanuel Church, Somerville, from Rev. N. G. Allen.

The first book of Records of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Massachusetts, from the Rev. Thomas R. Lambert, D.D., Secretary.

GEO. M. RANDALL,  
*Church Registrar.*

The Rev. Francis Wharton, from the Committee on Constitution and Canons, presented the following:—

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred the question whether Clergymen canonically resident, but not entitled to vote, are entitled to address the house, respectfully report that in their opinion such Clergymen are entitled to address the house.

FRANCIS WHARTON, *Chairman.*

The hour having arrived for the election of Officers of the Convention, the Chair announced the Rev. William R. Babcock and George C. Shattuck, M.D., Tellers, to collect and count the votes for Deputies to the General Convention.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That in the election of the Registrar of the Diocese balloting be dispensed with.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Rev. George M. Randall, D.D., the former Registrar, be re-elected.

The Chair appointed the Rev. and the Rev. D. Gordon Estes, I lect and count the votes for the S of the Diocese.

The Rev. George M. Randall following Canon:—

**Proposed Canon of the Mission the Church.**

**SECTION I.** The Missionary Orgar shall consist,—

1.—Of a Board of Missions, of w Diocese shall be *ex officio* the President. authorized agency of the Convention to funds, and appoint Missionaries for ca Missions in this Diocese.

2.—There shall be four District Mis at present organized, known as the East and Central Associations.

**SECT. II.** It shall be the duty of e at its first meeting after Easter, to elect who shall represent it in the Board of M

**SECT. III.** Any Parish having, with contributed at least fifty dollars to the and subject to its appropriation, shall Representative in the same. Such De annually at Parish meetings, or by the and shall continue in office until othe places, or until the Parish has forfeited tion in the Board, by a non-compliance this Canon.

**SECT. IV.** The Clerical and Lay together with the Bishop, shall constitut of this Diocese.

**SECT. V.** The term of service shall o ing of the session of the Annual Conver



SECT. VI. The Board shall hold its first meeting on some day during the session of the Diocesan Convention.

SECT. VII. The Board shall be organized by the election of a Secretary, who shall be a clergyman, and a Treasurer, who shall be a layman, — both of whom shall be *ex officio* members of the Board.

SECT. VIII. The stated meetings of the Board shall be held at least once in two months.

SECT. IX. The members present at any stated or duly notified meeting shall constitute a quorum.

SECT. X. The Associations shall hold meetings as often as once in three months.

It shall be their duty to promote, by public services and otherwise, a healthful Missionary spirit among the people in their respective districts, to explore new fields, and seek out promising localities for Missionary operations, and to make reports, from time to time, to the Board.

They shall not have power to appropriate funds or to appoint Missionaries; but may, temporarily, supply new or destitute stations in their districts, for which purpose grants of money may be made to them by the Board.

SECT. XI. One or more Missionaries at large shall be appointed by the Board, whenever its funds shall warrant such appointment, whose duty it shall be to visit, explore, and officiate under its direction.

SECT. XII. The Board may issue, as often as once in three months, a Missionary paper, in such form as they may deem best, for gratuitous circulation throughout the Diocese, with a view to promoting an interest in Missions, particularly in reference to the Missionary work in this Diocese.

SECT. XIII. It shall be the duty of every Rector, annually to present the claims of the Board, and the Missionary wants of the Diocese, to the attention of his Parish, and to take a collection in aid of the funds of its Board.

SECT. XIV. The Board shall have power to fill any vacancies that may occur in the Clerical members.

SECT. XV. The Board shall make a detailed report of their

doings in print to the Convention, which shall be published in the Journal of the same.

The Rev. George M. Randall, D.D., moved that balloting be dispensed with, and that the present list of persons nominated as Trustees of the General Theological Seminary be re-elected, with the exception of the Rev. Samuel B. Shaw and William R. Crocker, who have removed from the Diocese, and the Rev. George S. Converse, who declines re-nomination.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Rev. W. R. Nicholson, D.D., Rev. Henry Burroughs, Jr., and Samuel L. Crocker, be nominated to fill these vacancies.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That in the election of a Board of Missions to Seamen balloting be dispensed with.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the former Board be re-elected, viz.:—

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|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| The Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D.D., |                       |
| The Rev. George D. Wildes,          | George A. Brown,      |
| The Rev. Wm. R. Nicholson, D.D.,    | Richard Girdler,      |
| Stephen G. Deblois,                 | E. P. Tileston,       |
| Russell Sturgis, Jr.,               | Charles Henry Parker, |
| James S. Amory.                     |                       |

On motion,

*Resolved*, That Clergymen of other Dioceses, Clergymen of this Diocese not entitled to seats, and Candidates for Holy Orders, be invited to attend the Session of this Convention.

*Whereupon*, The Rev. Francis Byrne, Jamaica, W. I., appeared and took his seat in the Convention.



On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Rev. Alfred L. Baury, having been unavoidably detained till after the votes for Deputies to the General Convention and for Standing Committee were given in, be permitted to hand in his vote to the Tellers.

The same privilege being asked for the Rev. John L. Watson, D.D., and the Rev. R. F. Chase, was rejected.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Rev. R. F. Chase, having deposited a vote inadvertently, be allowed to withdraw it.

The Rev. John T. Burrill, from the Committee to collect and count the votes for a Standing Committee, reported that the Convention had made choice of the following:—

*Clergy.*

Rev. Geo. M. Randall, D.D.,  
“ F. D. Huntington, D.D.,  
“ W. R. Nicholson, D.D.,

*Laity.*

George M. Dexter,  
Benjamin T. Reed,  
Russell Sturgis.

Judge Redfield, from the Committee on Constitution and Canons, made a verbal Report respecting the Amendments of the Constitution, and offered the following Resolutions:—

*Resolved*, That the action of the Convention of 1864, in regard to the alteration of the Constitution, as recorded and published in the Journal, was irregular and wholly inoperative, and that the Constitution remains the same as before such action.

*Resolved*, That the substitute for the third article of the Constitution, proposed and accepted for consideration by the Convention of 1863, on page 47 of the Journal, and the amendment of the second paragraph of the third article of the Constitution,

proposed and accepted for consideration by the Convention of 1863, on the 47th and 48th pages of the Journal, be now accepted for consideration.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the first Resolution of the Committee be adopted.

The Rev. William R. Babcock, from the Committee to collect and count the votes for Deputies to the General Convention, reported that the Convention had made choice of the following: —

| <i>Clergy.</i>           | <i>Laity.</i>       |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Rev. Francis Wharton,    | Robert C. Winthrop, |
| “ Geo. M. Randall, D.D., | Amos A. Lawrence,   |
| “ William R. Babcock,    | James S. Amory,     |
| “ W. R. Nicholson, D.D., | Edward S. Rand.     |

#### SUBSTITUTES.

| <i>Clergy.</i>          | <i>Laity.</i>       |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Rev. J. I. T. Coolidge, | E. R. Mudge,        |
| “ Samuel Cutler,        | Samuel L. Crocker,  |
| “ Wm. H. Brooks, D.D.,  | J. Sullivan Warren, |
| “ George D. Wildes,     | Otis Daniell.       |

The Rev. Dr. Huntington presented the following Rule of Order: —

In elections by ballot, the polls shall be closed when the Tellers, or Committee appointed to count the ballots, withdraw from the room in which the Convention is held, and no Clerical or Lay Member be allowed to vote after that time, except by direct permission of the Convention, on the application, in form, of each member desiring so to vote; and the reasons of his not having previously voted shall be stated by him to the Convention, before his application is entertained.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That this Rule be referred to the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the second Resolution of the Committee on Constitution and Canons (see pages 49, 50) be adopted.

The Rev. John T. Burrill made the following Report from the Board of Missions to Seamen : —

**Report of the Board of Missions for Seamen.**

The Board of Missions for Seamen present the following Report : —

A score of years has passed away since the Church established this Mission for the benefit of Seamen. Its history, like that of all similar enterprises, has its lights and shadows. The history of the last year does not differ materially from that of former years. We have moved on in our great work of disseminating the Gospel among seamen and others who have come to our place of worship, not without evident tokens of the divine favor; still, it is not too much to say that our hopes and expectations the past year have not been fully realized. The number of sailors attending our Bethel Service is small, owing to the changes and derangements of commerce during a four years' war; but, notwithstanding the exigencies of the times, the friends of seamen have no reason for discouragement. The war has only for the present shifted the theatre of operations, and changed the points of contact. Those who, a few years ago, were in our meetings, are now in the navy, and to some considerable extent in the army; and the Christian Commission, with others, have been doing our work, perhaps to better purpose. In the meantime, the families residing in the neighborhood of our Chapel have filled their places; and the deep attention paid to the truth has been such as to lead to the belief

that our labor has not been bestowed in vain, and that the bread cast upon the waters will be gathered again, though it may not be till after many days.

Public Services have been held every Sunday morning and evening during the year, besides a meeting for prayers and addresses on Tuesday evening of each week. A large amount of reading matter has been furnished to those who have attended the Chapel; and particular attention has been paid to the wants of seamen on their leaving port. No one leaves without a Bible, and other religious books and papers. Most of the sailors who attend, we see but once or twice, and then they depart, perhaps never to return.

At the commencement of the year, the Rev. William Wright was employed as Assistant Missionary, and he has labored in connection with the Mission during the year. Although this arrangement considerably increased the expense of carrying on our operations, yet we are happy to say that, through the liberality of our friends, the whole amount has been met, and the Mission is entirely free from debt, as appears by the Treasurer's Report.

The Report of the Assistant Missionary shows that he has labored diligently among the seamen; and that for some months all the vessels at the wharves, with but few exceptions, from the foot of Summer Street to Charlestown Bridge, and thence to the Navy Yard, have been visited, and the sailors supplied with Tracts and Testaments in various languages. From a hundred to a hundred and fifty copies of the *Parish Visitor*, seventy copies of the *American Messenger*, and three hundred Tracts, per month, have been distributed, besides those in foreign languages, — a supply of which is always kept on hand. Such an amount of religious reading furnished to vessels going to sea, can scarcely fail of producing good results. It is spreading over the ocean those reforming influences which the organized Church is extending on the land.

While we have reason to acknowledge the favor of God in blessing this Mission during the twenty years it has been in

operation, we are at the same time impressed with a deep and growing sense of the importance of the work entrusted to our care. The work is not done, and we appeal confidently to the Church for her continued prayers and fostering aid to enable us to go forward.

The great demand for the class of men which this Mission is intended to reach, from the various sources of the Navy and Army for the defence of our country, no longer exists. The Navy Department has ordered the discharge of all those whose terms of enlistment expire the ensuing summer, and already a large number have left the service. They will soon be found thronging our cities; we must go forth with the Gospel to meet them. Let our work for the coming year be prosecuted with renewed vigor, and we may expect the richest displays of the Redeemer's power and grace.

Respectfully submitted for the Board.

May 16, 1865.

George C. Shattuck, M.D., from the Committee on the Increase of the Episcopal Fund, presented the following Report:—

**Report of the Committee on the Increase of the Fund  
for the Support of the Bishop.**

The Committee appointed at the last Annual Convention on the Increase of the Fund for the Support of the Bishop, beg leave to Report:

In accordance with the Resolutions of the last Convention, they immediately issued a circular calling the attention of the Rectors of all the Parishes in the Diocese to the Canon of 1844, respecting the collection in aid of the Episcopal Fund, and inviting any who had not made such a collection, and are prevented from making it on Trinity Sunday, to have one taken up as soon after as might be practicable. Had this Canon been regarded, what a sum we might now have?

By the second Resolution the Comm persevere in appeals and all measures funds, and to report to the next Conven buted by every Parish, and the sum s Parish to make up a sufficient income Bishop.


The first question to be answered was sary for the support of the Bishop? He thousand dollars a year from the form sand dollars as Rector of Trinity Church unanimous in agreeing with the last Co sand dollars a-year is barely sufficient the Bishop in Boston, with the exercise is always expected of him. He has bee the last twenty years, and for the last to the increase of the prices of the necessa had to depend on private resources, a economy in complying with the Apostolic anything." The income from the Bi given back to the Diocese, and distribute needy Parishes, and this fact should n appeals are made for the increase of which have been so generously distrib reference to the results of the appeal of it was decided not to attempt raising sufficient to give the Bishop the same inc Rector of Trinity Church. The sum of then, was to be raised in this new effort the Diocese; but here a difficult question how shall the assessment from each Pari Committee tried to get at the number of of contribution of each Parish, and thus but after much effort and consultation it upon that the plan mentioned in the last each Parish its proportion of the comm the salary of the Rector of the Parish, w



and most satisfactory. Circulars were sent in the month of September to the Rectors of all the Parishes, in which were set down the amount contributed by each Parish, and the amount still due in order to make up the full sum of fifty thousand dollars. The answers to these appeals being very few, a second circular was issued in the month of February, in which an urgent appeal was again made, and the amount due from the Parish was mentioned. In answer to these demands, four Parishes have paid their quota to the Treasurer. One Parish had already given more than its assessment. A few other Parishes have sent in contributions. A list of Parishes, with their contributions, is subjoined, in accordance with the Resolution of the last Convention.\* By examining it, each member of the Convention can learn the present state of the Fund, and from what sources it has been accumulated. The Committee can but express their regret at the small value attached to the services of the clergy by the greater number of individuals and congregations. The clergy are not supported as are the members of other professions, and, as a general rule, professional services are not rewarded to the same extent as are business and financial services. He who enters the ministry must know that the same amount of talent and exertion will secure larger pecuniary returns in almost any other calling. And the same truth must be constantly impressed on the Parish minister in his daily walks and intercourse. The stipends of the clergy in the Diocese are very small, and in some cases our appeals were answered, that if the Parish clergyman is so inadequately provided for, how can additional contributions be expected for the Bishop? This truth should sink deep into the hearts of all the laity, that they who preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel. Bishops, Priests, and Deacons are essential parts of our ecclesiastical polity, and adequate provision should be made for the support of all, if we would realize the full benefits of our glorious heritage. This increase of the Fund for the support of the Bishop is surely a most important matter of common concern, and efforts should be persevered in for its accomplishment.

\* This list will be found in the Appendix.

The Committee hoped to have been able to report to this Convention the work as done. As some Parishes could not conveniently raise and pay the money, it was proposed that legal notes should be given, interest payable annually, and ten years were allowed as the period for getting together the sum, whilst the interest payable every year was appropriated to the Bishop's income for that year. But even with such an offer, but few Parishes have come forward to meet it. Your Committee, however, are not discouraged. They are unanimous in recommending to the Convention the appointment of a new Committee and a vigorous prosecution of the work. Authority might be given to employ an agent to visit all the Parishes, and to set forth the obligations of the people to contribute to an object so important to the prosperity of the Church. So much of the time of the Bishop has been taken up with his Parish duties, as Rector, that his value is not appreciated as it would have been had he been able to spend more time in Episcopal visitations. Massachusetts is one of the very few Dioceses in which adequate provision is not made for the support of the Bishop. There are nine thousand three hundred and nineteen communicants in the Diocese. A contribution of six dollars from each communicant would furnish the required sum, and is it such a difficult matter to raise such a sum? Will not those with ampler means help their poorer brethren? The Committee are aware that the assessment now proposed bears unequally. Some Parishes have a hundred fold the ability of others, whilst the assessment according to this distribution of the richer Parish, may be only ten fold greater than that of the poorer. Still the Convention can not ascertain and define the ability of each Parish. The matter must be left to the conscience and ability of each individual. From the experience and observation of the year, your Committee would recommend that an amount equal to the salary of the Rector of each Parish for one year be fixed upon as the assessment for each Parish which has not paid its quota. The smaller assessment, 73 per cent. of the Rector's salary, can not be relied upon to furnish what is wanted.



In conclusion we propose the following Resolution :

*Resolved*, That this matter of the increase of the Episcopal Fund be referred to a Committee of five persons, to be appointed by the Chair, with instructions to persevere in appeals and efforts for the increase of the Fund, with authority to employ a special agent, whose duty it shall be to visit the Parishes whose Rectors will receive him, and set forth to the people the great importance of providing adequately for the support of the Bishop, so that his whole time and strength may be given to the duties of the Episcopate.

GEO. C. SHATTUCK.

T. P. ELLICOTT.

RUSSELL STURGIS, Jr.

CHARLES O. WHITMORE.

THOMAS C. AMORY, Jr.

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| The Treasurer of Trustees of Donations reports the old Fund for the support of the Bishop as amounting to . . . | \$19,869.00 |
| New Fund, . . . . .                                                                                             | 20,047.76   |

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Resolution with which the above Report concludes be adopted.

The Chair appointed the following persons as the Committee proposed in the above Resolution :—

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|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| George C. Shattuck, M.D., | Charles O. Whitmore,  |
| T. P. Ellicott,           | Thomas C. Amory, Jr., |
| Russell Sturgis, Jr.      |                       |

On motion of Rev. F. Wharton,

*Resolved*, That the Rule of Order proposed by Rev. F. D. Huntington, D.D., (page 50) be adopted as No. XVII of the Rules of Order.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That this Convention now adjourn, to meet this P. M. at 4 o'clock.

Adjourned.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Nathan Matthews, from the Finance Committee, made the following Report:—

We certify that we have examined the vouchers of the payments charged in Treasurer's Account, and find the same correct and the account correctly cast, and recommend that the Treasurer of this Convention be authorized to pay the travelling expenses of such Clerical members as may make application therefor.

JOHN L. WATSON.

NATHAN MATTHEWS.

On motion of Rev. George D. Wildes,

*Resolved*, That 1,000 copies of the Journal be printed, and distributed to the Parishes in the Diocese, on the basis of former distribution.

The Bishop having laid before the Convention the fact that St. Peter's Church, Salem, had dismissed its Rector, without the concurrence of the Ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese, and therefore (by Canon IV., Title II., of the Canons of the General Convention) had forfeited its right of representation in the Convention,

It was, on motion,

*Resolved*, That a Committee of three be appointed by the President, to investigate the question whether the Rector of St. Peter's Parish, Salem, has been dismissed within the meaning

of the Canon of the General Convention, and that this Committee be directed to report prior to the adjournment of the afternoon's session.

The Chair appointed as that Committee, the Rev. A. H. Washburn, Francis Hilliard, and Richard H. Dana.

The Rev. Alfred L. Baurý presented the Annual Account of the Treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen. (See Appendix.)

The Rev. Geo. M. Randall, D.D., made the Annual Report from the Margaret Coffin Prayer-Book Society:—

#### **Report of the Margaret Coffin Prayer Book Society.**

All anniversaries are interesting; local ones are especially so. Local religious ones are more especially so. When we celebrate such an anniversary of an institution which stands alone among an extensive population, to enlighten and bless them, it then becomes, or should become, an object of the highest interest and of the dearest value. Our own city is its birthplace. It is of a religious value, second only to that which relates to the Bible, and it stands alone in our New England, to bless, if we would let it, or, if we would make it so do, our whole vast New England population. We, especially we, should feel a deep interest in this day, this occasion, this Institution, not only for what it is in itself, but also because it is the birthday of our honored and beloved patron and founder, Madam Margaret Coffin.

We have the past year distributed 5,904 Prayer Books; of the full Prayer Book, 1,386, and of the "Selections" for the army, 4,518. With this little book of Selections, together with the Bible, our services can be performed for the whole year.

Let us, in our efforts the coming year, show that we, too, prize this invaluable book of our Church.

We need a less expensive edition of the full Prayer Book than the one we publish from our plates. Can we procure a set of plates for a 32mo. edition?

We are now almost out of books, and must obtain some immediately, or we must discontinue our distribution.

The donations for the past year have been as follows, viz.:—

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| By amount received from Miss Robbins, being collections from Mrs. Cleveland, \$2; Miss Cleveland, \$2; Mrs. Perkins, \$2; Mrs. Shattuck, \$2; Dr. Shattuck, \$2; Miss Paine, \$1; Miss Callahan, \$1; Miss Baury, \$1; Mrs. Sohler, \$2; Mrs. G. H. Shaw, \$2; Mrs. Wharton, \$2; Miss Gardiner, \$1; Mrs. Gardiner, \$2; Mrs. Robbins, \$1; Mrs. F. Bacon, \$1; Miss Burroughs, \$1; Miss E. Burroughs, \$1; Miss Shattuck, \$1; Miss H. A. Rice, \$1; Miss Robbins, \$2, | \$30.00 |
| By amount received from Miss Elmira Tarbell, . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 3.00    |
| Treasurer of the Church of the Advent, . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 54.36   |
| Miss A. S. Robbins, \$55; Mrs. Joseph Hayward, \$1, . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 56.00   |
| St. Mary's Auxiliary Society, Dorchester, . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 24.92   |
| Miss Toole, \$1; Mrs. B. C. C. Parker, West Newton, \$2, . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 3.00    |
| E. N. Perkins, Esq., donation from W. C. Peters, . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 10.00   |
| The Misses Stocker, \$3; St. James's Church, Greenfield, \$18.15, . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 21.15   |
| Rev. Dr. Bolles, from St. Mark's, Southborough, . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 26.70   |
| From St. James's Church, Roxbury, . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 62.52   |
| New York Prayer-Book Society, . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 21.20   |
| Dr. George C. Shattuck, \$40; Mrs. Baury, \$1, . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 41.00   |
| By F. H. Stimpson, Treasurer Church of the Advent, .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 161.53  |
| Rev. Mr. Slafter, \$3.50; Miss Eliza Burroughs, \$10, .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 13.50   |
| Interest from Savings Bank, . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 40.00   |
| Mrs. W. C. Wharton, . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 5.00    |

W. W. Page, on account of M. C. Praye  
iliary Society of St. Mary's Church, D  
E. N. Perkins, \$124.25; W. H. Gardin  
John's Church, Jamaica Plain, \$25,  
Dr. Huntington, \$3; Rev. M. P. Stickne

Respectfully submitted

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The Rev. Gustavus M. Murray,  
tee on Unfinished Business, made  
port: —

The Committee on Unfinished Business  
no Unfinished Business upon which this  
upon to act.

GUSTAVUS M.

G. M. DEXTER

The Rev. William H. Brooks, E  
ecutive Committee, made the follo

The Executive Committee recommend t  
day of May, 1866, be the time, and Trini  
place, for the meeting of the next Con  
preacher be the Rev. George Dudley Wi  
Frederick D. Huntington, D.D., be the su

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On motion,

*Resolved*, That the foregoing Report be  
ing the *first* Wednesday in May for the ti

The Report, as amended, was a

The hour having arrived for the

which requires the Convention to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on the state of the Church, etc.,

The Right Rev. Thomas H. Vail, D.D., Bishop of Kansas, was, on motion, invited to address the Convention on the subject of Missionary operations in his Diocese.

The Right Rev. the Bishop of Kansas accordingly addressed the Convention, giving an interesting account of the condition of the Churches in his Diocese, and closing with an earnest appeal for pecuniary aid to carry out the Church work in that new State.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That when this Convention adjourn, it adjourn to meet in this place at 9 o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the dismissal of the Rev. W. R. Pickman be authorized to report to-morrow morning.

On motion,

The Convention adjourned.

FRIDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. William H. Brooks, D.D., Rector of Christ Church, Plymouth.

The Minutes of yesterday's session were read, amended, and approved.



On motion,

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Convention be tendered to the Right Rev. Dr. Vail, Bishop of the Diocese of Kansas, for his able and eloquent Address on the condition and wants of his extensive and interesting field of labor.

The Rev. George Packard offered the following :

*Whereas*, in the gracious providence of God, we, as a people, are encouraged to hope for the restoration of peace throughout our national borders, therefore

*Resolved*, As the expression of this Convention, that in this happy result we desire to acknowledge God's interposing hand, and to bless his holy name for our deliverance from those great and apparent dangers wherewith we were compassed, and that we beseech him so to continue his mercy towards us, that the world may know and acknowledge him as our Saviour and Deliverer.

This Resolution was, on motion, adopted.

The Rev. A. H. Washburn, from the Committee on the dismissal of the Rev. W. R. Pickman, presented the following Report: —

The Committee appointed in the matter of St. Peter's Parish, Salem, respectfully report that the Committee, having informed themselves as to the doings of the Parish of St. Peter's, Salem, are unanimously of opinion that the action of the Parish does amount to a dismissal of their Rector without the concurrence of the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese, within the meaning of Section I. of Canon 4, Title II., of the Canons of the General Convention.

A. H. WASHBURN,  
FRANCIS HILLIARD,  
R. H. DANA, JR.,

*Committee.*

Which Report was, on motion, accepted.

The Rev. Dr. Randall offered the following Preamble and Resolution: —

*Whereas*, the Bishop has laid before the Convention a statement as to the action of the Parish of St. Peter's, Salem, in reference to the dissolution of its connection with the Rector, and it appearing that the said Parish has dismissed its Rector without the concurrence of the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese,

*Resolved*, That the said Parish has no right to a representation in the Convention of this Diocese.

Which, on motion, was adopted.

Pending a motion before the house in reference to the dismissal of its Rector by St. Peter's Church, Salem, the Rev. William R. Pickman was, on motion, permitted to address the Convention.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Secretary be requested to read the Canon of the General Convention in reference to this subject.

Which was accordingly done.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the delegation from St. Peter's Church, Salem, be permitted to address the Convention.

The Lay Delegates from that Parish accordingly addressed the house.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the subject of the nature of the satisfaction requisite for the restoration of St. Peter's Church, Salem, to a representation in this Convention, be referred to the Bishop and

Standing Committee for consideration, with to the Convention.

**On motion,**

*Resolved,* That, as the intention of this of a Minister is to be computed on the same, at time of the Convention, and that is from the year dating from the first day terminating with the day preceding the

The Rev. F. D. Huntington, D. Committee on New Parishes, reported Trinity Church, Milford, had applied into union with this Convention Parish, having complied with all of the Canon, the Committee re mission.

**On motion,**

*Resolved,* That Trinity Church, Milford, with this Convention.

The Rev. Dr. Randall called up the proposed Canon presented (p. 46 and 47).

The Rev. Francis Wharton offered as a substitute: —

*Resolved,* That no Canon of this Diocese give exclusive jurisdiction to any particularization; but that this Convention cordially comes all movements, whether individual increase of the salaries of the Clergy of planting of the Church in new fields.

N. Matthews offered the following: —

*Resolved*, That in place of the present organization for the management of Diocesan Missions, the Bishop and the Standing Committee be hereafter, *ex officio*, a Board upon which shall devolve the conduct and management of the whole matter of Diocesan Missions, and be responsible to the Convention; that it shall appoint its own Treasurer and Secretary, call for contributions, distribute the funds collected, and in all things press on the great work to the utmost advantage.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the proposed Canon, and the Resolutions of Rev. Francis Wharton and Mr. Matthews, be referred to a Committee of twelve, — six Clergymen and Six Laymen.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Rev. Dr. Randall, Rev. F. Wharton, and Mr. N. Matthews, be a Committee to nominate the above Committee on Missionary organization.

The Rev. William R. Babcock, from the Committee on Qualifications, reported that the Certificate of election of Lay Delegates from Trinity Church, Milford, is correct, and the Delegates entitled to seats.

The names of the Lay Delegates were then called over by the Secretary, and the Delegates took their seats.

*Trinity Church, Milford.* Charles Dove, Lyman B. Newton.

The Rev. Dr. Randall, from the Nominating Com-

mittee, reported the following to  
tee on Missionary organization:—

The Rev. G. M. Randall, D.D., A. 1  
 “ F. D. Huntington, D.D., N. 1  
 “ George Packard, Geo  
 “ George S. Converse, J. E  
 “ Francis Wharton, Jam  
 “ Samuel P. Parker, D.D., M. 1

Which Committee was, on mot

On motion of Rev. Dr. Randall

*Resolved*, That the former Committee  
elected.

The Rev. Dr. Hoppin called 1  
laid on the table for considerati  
P. M. (page 33.)

A vote having been taken on  
was rejected.

The Rev. Francis Wharton pre  
ing proposed Canon:—

The Standing Committee shall hold offi  
shall be elected at the Session of the Dioc  
prior to a Stated Meeting of the General

On motion of Rev. F. Whartor

*Resolved*, That the Canon proposed b  
the last Convention (page 63 of Journal o  
that just offered, be referred to the Com  
and Canons, to report in writing to the n

The Rev. Nicholas Hoppin, D.I

lowing amendment of the Constitution for the consideration of the Convention : —

That, immediately after the words in the third article of the Constitution, "or if he have been canonically instituted," be added the words, "or if application have been canonically made to the Bishop for his institution, and such application have been refused for reasons not affecting his regular and canonical standing in the Church."

On motion of D. B. Hagar,

*Resolved*, That this subject be laid on the table.

On motion of D. B. Hagar,

*Resolved*, That the vote by which Dr. Hoppin's Resolution in reference to Votes and Resolutions to be entered in the Journal, was rejected, be re-considered.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Wharton,

*Resolved*, That the subject of Dr. Hoppin's Resolution be referred to the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

On motion of George Brown,

*Resolved*, That after the reading of the Minutes and the usual religious exercises, this Convention adjourn *sine die*.

The Minutes of the Session were then read and approved.

On motion of Thomas P. Proctor,

*Resolved*, That the amendment of the Minutes made this morning in the record of yesterday's proceedings, in reference to the dismissal of Rev. W. R. Pickman by the Parish of St. Peter's Church, Salem, be re-considered, and that the record stand as it was originally read by the Secretary.

The Convention then united  
and last verses of the 104th Hymn  
and benediction by the Bishop  
journed, *sine die*.

Attest :

JOSEPH  
WILLIAM

## APPENDIX.

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### PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

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#### **Suffolk County.**

##### *Trinity Church, Boston.*

THE BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE, Rector.

Baptisms, (adults 1, infants 15), 16. Marriages, 12. Burials, 16. Confirmed, 11. Communicants, about 400. Sunday Scholars, 150. Teachers, 18.

The following have been the contributions during the year:—  
Communion Offerings, \$1153.56; Diocesan Missions, \$713.60; Foreign Missions, through American Church Missionary Society, \$466; City Missions, \$335; for Church building, \$1,576.36; Theological Education, \$342.96; collected at the Price Lectures, \$122; American Bible Society, \$764; Church Home for Orphan and Destitute Children, \$934; Diocesan Seamen's Mission, \$992.35; Charitable Society for Clothing the Poor, \$493.75; for Sunday School, \$98.65; Young Men's Christian Association, \$51; for purchase of St. Stephen's House, \$2,000; Evangelical Knowledge Society, \$10; Sanitary Commission, \$1,810; Christian Commission, \$707.25; Sufferers in Savannah, \$1,940; Discharged Female Prisoner's Home, \$112; House of the Good



Samaritan, \$2,618; Refugees Aid Society, \$150; Offertory Collection at Convention for Widows and Orphans of Clergymen, \$92.69; for other objects, \$586. Total, \$17,564 17.

*Christ Church, Boston.*

The Rev. J. T. BURRILL, Rector.

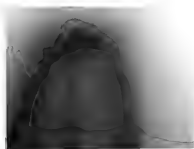
Baptisms (infants, 30, adults, 4), 34. Confirmed, 6. Communicants, — added, 20, died or removed, 16, present number, 86. Marriages, 23. Burials, 25. Sunday School Scholars, 130; Teachers, 12. Total, 142. Contributions: — Communion Alms, \$85.30; Sunday School, \$166.75; American Union Commission, \$30; Massachusetts Church Missionary Society, \$20; Church Home for Orphan Children, given by the Sunday School, \$12.60; American Bible Society, \$9; for other objects, \$80.25. Total, \$403.90.

*St. Paul's Church, Boston.*

The Rev. W. R. NICHOLSON, D.D., Rector.

Baptisms (adults, 2, infants, 11), 13. Confirmed, 16. Communicants, about 400. Marriages, 9. Funerals, 16.

Contributions: — For Diocesan Missions, \$1,572.41; for Seamen's Mission, \$159.71; for feeble Parishes in the Diocese, \$144.31; for St. Stephen's House, \$50; for St. Stephen's Sunday School, \$166.70; for Domestic Missions, \$892.20; from the Ladies' Miss. Society of the Parish, for both Diocesan and Domestic Missions, \$863.10; for Foreign Missions, \$1,406.18, (of which S. School raised \$806.18); for Mission among the Jews, \$19; for the Church Home, \$1,000; for the Parish S. School, \$150.12; for the Parish S. S. Clothing Fund, \$43.60; for the Widows and Orphans Society, \$100; for the Clerical Fund Association, \$100; Communion Offerings, \$952.13;



Special Collections for the Poor, \$257; for the Society for the Industrious Poor, \$228.60; for Asylum for Discharged Female Prisoners, \$800; for the Evangelical Knowledge Society, \$264.45; for Education for the Ministry, \$648 64; for the Christian Commission, \$924.28; for the Refugees' Aid Society, \$15; for the Freedmen's Aid Society, \$75; for the American Bible Society, \$889; for other purposes of Missionary and Church work, \$869.75. Total of contributions, \$12,582.18.

*Grace Church, Boston.*

The arrangements by which this Church was under the charge of the Rev. S. H. Hilliard for the year ending April, 1864, — the last six months of which he was assisted by the Rev. G. L. Locke, — not having been renewed, the Parish was left without a Rector. Temporary supplies for public worship were obtained up to July 3d.

During this time, an offer for the purchase of the Church was received from the Methodist Episcopal Society of North Russell Street, Boston. The Wardens and Vestry, after due consideration, deemed it best, under the peculiar circumstances in which the Parish was placed, to make such a sale; and a special meeting of the proprietors was called to consider the subject, and by an almost unanimous vote the sale was authorized to be made, and it was consummated during the summer.

The Wardens and Vestry received authority from the proprietors to settle up the affairs of the Corporation; and a discharge from all persons owning pews in the building having been obtained, the Corporation has become extinct.

The necessity for such a course was much regretted by all connected with the Parish, and probably by none more so than by a few individuals who were among its earliest friends, and long continued and liberal supporters.

It is a cause of sorrow that a Parish should pass from our Communion; yet, if it must be so, there is, perhaps, no denomi-

nation, outside of our own, to which we the building should go, than the one whi

Most of the congregation formerly Church have, it is believed, connected Episcopal Parishes in the city.

Boston, May 16, 1865.

*Church of the Messiah,*

The Rev. GEORGE M. RANDALL,

Baptisms (infants, 53, adults, 18), te Communicants: added, 54, present num Marriages, 17. Sunday School Schola with Superintendent and two Librarians.

Contributions: Communion Alms, \$4 \$125; Monthly Collections, \$880.35; I other contributions, \$531. Total, \$2, appropriations were made for Missions City Missionary at large, \$146; Gene \$100; Foreign Missions, \$50; appropri Bible Society, Society for the Relief of Deceased Clergymen, the poor of the Pe of Christian benevolence.

*Church of the Advent,*

The Rev. JAMES A. BOLLES, I

The Rev. M. P. STICKNEY, A.

Baptisms (infants, 39, adults, 14), to Marriages, 26. Burials, 54. Commun or removed, 10, present number, 556.

The Sunday School, during the past year, has numbered about 60 children and about 12 teachers. The Church has been open three times every Sunday for public worship, and twice every day. Every Sunday afternoon, after Evening Prayer, instead of a Sermon, there has been a catechetical exercise "openly in the Church," for parents, sponsors, teachers, and children, which has been mainly conducted by the Rev. Pelham Williams, whose faithful labors in this department of Church work I wish, with gratitude, to acknowledge. The Holy Communion has been administered on all Sundays and Holy Days.

*Offerings.*—Through the Offertory, for general purposes, \$11,404.72. Received for special objects, including a legacy from the late Henry M. Parker, Esq., of one thousand dollars to the permanent fund for the support of the Rector, and also a legacy of the same amount from the late Miss Martha Sever for the building of a new Church, \$5,133.39; through the Alms Chest, for the poor, \$1,381.95; collected from individuals, for various Church objects, \$7,023.68. Total, \$24,943.74. For purposes within the Parish, \$14,973.67; for purposes without the Parish, \$9,970.07.

In addition, the Industrial Department have distributed among the poor three hundred and sixty-eight garments, three pieces of calico, four blanket shawls, twenty-four pairs of boots, nine pairs of rubbers, two boxes of tea, and one barrel of flour.

*St. Mark's Church, Boston.*

The Rev. C. F. KNIGHT, Rector.

Baptisms (infants, 16, adults, 3), 19. Confirmed, 6. Communicants, about 290. Marriages, 6. Burials, 16. Contributions: For the poor, \$589.58; for the Sunday School, \$235.50; in the Sunday School, \$28.91; other religious purposes within the Parish, and for the payment of a Parish debt, \$2,834; without the Parish, \$28. Total, \$3,715.99.

Sunday Scholars, 99; Teachers (including Superintendent and Librarians), 18.

The Rector might, perhaps, have made a Report more satisfactory to himself, but for a severe affection of the eyes, which has greatly interfered with his work for several months past.

*Emmanuel Church, Boston.*

The Rev. F. D. HUNTINGTON, D.D., Rector.

Baptisms (adults, 12, infants, 25), total, 37. Confirmed, 58. Marriages, 10. Burials, 15. Communicants, about 450. Communion Offerings (excepting those at Easter, which were for Missions), \$1,595.37. Total of offerings, including those for Foreign and Domestic and Diocesan Missions, the Parish Mission, Increase of the Ministry, regular Diocesan Charities and other objects, but exclusive of many subscriptions taken for needy Parishes, and for the relief of sufferers by the civil war, \$12,812.45.

The Church has been enlarged by the erection of a transept with about two hundred sittings. The Rev. W. A. Holbrook, Deacon, has been the Rector's assistant, and has had the chief immediate charge of the Parish Mission. Of the 58 persons confirmed, 17 were from this Mission. The Auxiliary of the "Church Union" has been increased in numbers and efficiency, and has initiated some excellent measures in the instruction and evangelization of neglected people in the city.

*Free Church of St. Mary for Sailors.*

*Richmond Street, Boston.*

The Rev. J. P. ROBINSON, Rector.

Baptisms (adults, 3, infants, 18), 21. Ten persons have been confirmed. Marriages, 12. Funerals, 17. Communicants, 108.

## SUNDAY SERVICE.

Morning Prayer and Sermon at 10 $\frac{1}{4}$  A. M.; evening Prayer and Sermon at 7 $\frac{1}{2}$  P. M.; and evening Prayer and Lecture on Friday evening.

Sunday School, two sessions, beginning at 9, A. M., and 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  P. M.

The number of seamen attending the service of the Church during the war has not been so great as in former years, owing to the prostration of commerce; but, as regards the families of seamen and others, in the portion of the city where the Church is situated, there has been a most encouraging increase.

The Sunday School continues to enjoy its wonted prosperity under its excellent and efficient teachers. The attendance of the scholars is punctual and regular, and the interest manifested by them affords encouraging tokens of God's blessing upon this important part of Parish work.

The Sewing School for the children of the Parish and neighborhood, and the mother's meeting, in charge of the same devoted ladies, have afforded valuable instruction and considerable material aid in the way of clothing to many families of the poor.

*Clothing and other help to Seamen and their Families.* — Shipwrecked and destitute Seamen have ever found sympathy and aid at St. Mary's. The liberal supply of flannel shirts and drawers furnished by "the ladies of the Sailors' Aid Society," together with second-hand garments from other sources, has enabled the Rector to aid many persons and families who otherwise would have suffered for necessary clothing. Other help has been afforded by the ladies in the way of work, with a living price for every article made up for their Society.

Provisions, fuel, and such other help as they required, have been furnished by the Rector. None have been sent away without having their cases carefully investigated, and the deserving have been aided in proportion to their actual wants and our means of relief.

*Book Distribution.* — English Bibles, 250; Danish Bibles, 5;

Portuguese Bibles, 10. Total, 265. English German Testaments, 5 ; Danish Testaments, 23 ; Portuguese Testaments, 18 20. Total, 386. Book of Common Prayer of Common Prayer, 5 ; French Book of Portuguese Book of Common Prayer, 5.

From the beginning of our Mission, the blessing of God upon the efforts put forth for the class of our fellow-men, so long neglected.

There is one feature of the Mission which has increased in influence with increasing years, a political character of the congregation. There are more sailors upon the ocean, in the navy, and in the commerce, who have attended the ministrations than ever before. The parishioners of the church are multiplying in every quarter of the globe, on land and sea. It is a cheering fact to the laborer in the field that those to whom he has preached the Gospel have been continuously offered, at the altar, prayers for their fellow-men, and that the benefits they have derived from the ministrations of the church are being made manifest to the world.

Length of days in such a Mission not only depends upon its usefulness. The influence of a mission will depend very much upon the degree of interest in it, and must come from long acquaintance with the class of men that their acquaintance are comparatively recent, then, that when they return home from the mission they receive those expressions of kindness and interest in their welfare which leads to a new life for their Minister, until at length, through the influence of the Holy Spirit, the heart becomes a heart of flesh, and the sailor becomes, by God's grace, a new creature.

I do not, I trust, overstep the bounds of my claim for St. Mary's Parish for Sailors the

ing on this good work, which come of the labor and experience of more than twenty years.

During the past year, by the liberality of the Clergy and Laity, a portion of the debt on our Church property has been paid, and it is hoped that the next Annual Report will record the cancelling of the balance.

While our Church, with others, has felt the embarrassment consequent upon the interruption of the regular commerce of the country, caused by this unholy rebellion, still we have been enabled, by strict economy, not only to increase our charities, but to go through the year without debt.

The Parish of St. Mary's is dependent for its support upon the free-will offerings of its friends in the City and throughout the State. It is a free Church, and has no income whatever from pew rents. Many poor families avail themselves of its free sittings; but their circumstances allow them to contribute but little to the support of public worship. It has been a home where numbers, now in better condition, found in the season of adversity, sympathy, encouragement, and timely aid.

To his brethren of the Clergy and Laity he makes his annual appeal, and he does this with a degree of confidence to which he thinks twenty years of unceasing labor among seamen justly entitle him. This long experience has not only furnished him with valuable lessons which could be learned from no other source, and which are of great importance, but has served to give him an influence with sailors, which alone comes of that confidence that is begotten of a long acquaintance, frequently renewed and cemented by tokens of kindness at every renewal.

The Free Church of St. Mary for Sailors trusts only to its own fruits for the commendation which will secure that support which it needs from the hands of those who love the Lord Jesus Christ. It has no agencies, — no powerful patrons to plead its cause. The Rector thanks God that he has been enabled cheerfully to do what his hand found to do. He desires to pursue this work to the end of his pilgrimage. What he asks of his brethren is, the means of doing this efficiently. Of the laity



does he especially ask, that as they have freely received they would freely give in aid of this growing work.

Contributions are earnestly solicited, and may be forwarded by mail to the Rector, and which he will duly acknowledge.

No. 67 Bedford Street, Boston. May, 1865.

*St. Stephen's Chapel, Boston.*

The Rev. E. M. P. WELLS, D.D., Missionary.

The Rev. JOHN L. WATSON, D.D., Assistant.

Baptisms, 58. Confirmed, 11. Communicants: (the number is constantly varying,—those of the congregation entitled to receive the communion,) between 300 and 325, at this time. Marriages, 34. Burials, 41. Public Services in the Church 754. Sermons and Addresses delivered, 189. Monthly public catechising of the children, 12 times. Holy Communion administered, 19 times.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

|                                           | Main school. | Infant. | Teachers. | Total |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------|---------|-----------|-------|
| Whole No. of names on the books,          | 150          | 96      | 23        | 26    |
| Largest No. present at one time, Easter,  | 126          | 88      | 23        | 23    |
| Smallest No. present at one time, stormy, | 85           | 55      | 16        | 15    |
| Average during winter, about              | 200.         |         |           |       |

There has been a singing school held on Wednesday afternoon a monthly meeting on the second Sunday evening of each month a mother's meeting for sewing and reading every Friday evening during the winter, and a teacher's meeting from time to time.

The Annual Report of St. Stephen's House shows donation to the amount of \$7,145.55 for the relief of the poor, some of the items of which are as follows, viz.:—

For 34,488 meals, 8,056 lodgings, 728 loaves, given to families, 528 parcels of tea, coffee, and sugar, 225 parcels of flour

and meal, 1,400 pairs of socks, trousers, flannels, jackets, and shirts, 130 second-hand garments, 32 bed comforters and blankets, 338 weeks' rent, 377 weeks' nursing and special cases of relief in sickness, 245 parcels of fuel, 749 days' work, and jobs done for the poor and by the poor, 705 articles made for the poor and by the poor, and a good price paid for them.

*St. Matthew's Church, South Boston.*

The Rev. J. I. T. COOLIDGE, Rector.

Baptisms (infants, 58, adults, 1), 59. Communicants : added, 22 ; removed, 21 ; present number, 168. Confirmed, 13. Marriages, 30. Burials, 37. Sunday School Scholars, 225. Missionary Contributions : — Foreign, \$38 ; Domestic, \$150 ; Diocesan, \$52.98. Increase of the Episcopal Fund, \$50. Sundry, \$46.06. Contributions within the Parish, \$1,594.78 ; Contributions without the Parish, \$337.04. Total for all purposes, \$1,931.82.

It is with deep thankfulness to the Giver of all good that the Rector is able to report that the heavy debt which rested upon this Church has, by the earnest efforts of the Parish itself, and the liberal offerings of its friends, been completely removed ; and that on the 11th day of the present month, the Bishop performed the office of the consecration of the Church to the worship and service of Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

May those who have so generously aided in this labor receive the blessing of Him who loveth the cheerful giver ; and may the Head of the Church continue to shed upon us the light of his countenance. Glory be to Thee, O God !

who attend, we see but once or twice, and then they depart, perhaps never to return.

At the commencement of the year, the Rev. William Wright was appointed by the Board as Assistant Missionary, and he has labored in connection with the Mission during the year, devoting a large portion of his time to visiting the ships in port. His report shows that for some months all the vessels at the wharves, with but few exceptions, from the foot of Summer Street to Charlestown Bridge, and thence to the Navy Yard, have been visited, and the sailors supplied with Tracts and Testaments in various languages. From one to two hundred copies of the *Parish Visitor*, seventy copies of the *American Messenger*, and three hundred Tracts, per month, have been distributed, besides those in foreign languages,—a supply of which is always kept on hand. Such an amount of religious reading furnished to vessels going to sea, can scarcely fail of producing good results. It is spreading over the ocean those reforming influences which the organized Church is extending on the land.

By this and other means of disseminating the Gospel among seamen, and others who come to our Chapel, we have labored on through the year, and not without tokens of the divine favor. We have reason to acknowledge with gratitude the goodness of God in blessing this Mission during the twenty years that it has been in operation. Scores and hundreds have received from it blessings more valuable to them than gold. The results of each succeeding year's labor have been encouraging, and give us hope for the future. We feel deeply impressed with the importance of prosecuting our work with renewed vigor for the year to come, and we appeal confidently to the Church for her continued prayers and fostering aid to enable us to go forward.

J. T. BURRILL, *Chaplain*.

May 17, 1865.

*St. Luke's Church, Chelsea.*

The Rev. P. B. MORGAN, Rector.

Baptisms, 11. Marriages, 7. Burials, 9. Sunday School Scholars, 150. Communicants, 93. Contributions for the E. D. M. Association, \$11.16. A class is now waiting for Confirmation.

During the year past, I have assumed the Rectorship of this Church, and there is now but one congregation of Episcopal worshippers in this city. During the year past we have purchased the new and beautiful Church lately owned by Mr. S. D. Massey, originally built for St. Andrew's Congregation. The sittings are now nearly all taken, and we have a large and interesting congregation enjoying peace, and we trust, by the grace of God, we may add, prosperity. We have special reason to acknowledge the generous kindness of many friends, particularly of Trinity and St. Paul's Congregations, Boston, in the purchase of our new edifice. The number of our Communicants has been considerably increased during the year past, and we are much encouraged in our hopes for the future.

*St. Andrew's Church, Chelsea.*

In compliance with the Canon, the undersigned respectfully report, that on the first of July last, by a vote of the Wardens and Vestry, the connection then existing between this Parish and the Rev. P. B. Morgan, was dissolved; since which time, for a period of about three months, services were held in Fremont Hall, under the charge of the Rev. E. H. Harlow, who, in the month of November last, resigned, to accept the Rectorship of Emmanuel Church, Somerville.

As appears by the Parish Register, the number of baptisms have been, — infants, 2, of burials, 3.

F. D. S. JONES,

GEARFIELD LEARNED,

Wardens of St. Andrew's Church, Chelsea.

**Essex County..***St. Peter's Church, Salem.*

The Rev. WILLIAM RAWLINS PICKMAN, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants, 7, adults, 2), 9. Communicants, about 200. Confirmed, 18. Sunday School Scholars, 160; Teachers, 23, — 183.

**CONTRIBUTIONS.**

|                                           |          |
|-------------------------------------------|----------|
| Eastern District Association, . . . . .   | \$222.10 |
| Episcopal Fund, . . . . .                 | 20.75    |
| American Bible Society, . . . . .         | 89.04    |
| Christmas Festival, . . . . .             | 126.16   |
| Society for Widows and Orphans, . . . . . | 25.00    |
| Sundry Charities, . . . . .               | 173.57   |
| Communion Alms, . . . . .                 | 236.75   |

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\$843.37

Contributions of Mission at Beverly, at the Offertory  
and by subscription, for current expenses, about . 1,100.00

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\$1,943.37

*Beverly.* — A Free Parish has been organized at Beverly, under the name of St. Peter's Church. During the past year, a neat Gothic Church has been built, at a cost of about \$8,000.

As the organization of this new Parish was not so early as to entitle it to representation in Convention, it has been thought best by the Rector to reserve the full report of the plan and system of work, and a definite statement of benefactors, etc., until the Convention of 1866.

The Rev. S. H. Hilliard has labored at Beverly for the past year, to the satisfaction and spiritual advancement of the people.

*Grace Church, Salem.*

The Rev. GEORGE D. WILDES, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants, 13, adults, 4), 17. Confirmed, 10. Communicants: added, 6, died or removed, 6; present number, 108. Marriages, 3. Burials, 16. Sunday School: Teachers, 18, Scholars, 105. Collections: Communion Alms, \$409.74; additional subscriptions toward alterations in the Church, \$200; subscription for new furnace, \$450; Parochial and Missionary Association, \$450; Sunday School Collections, appropriated to Church Missionary Society and Society for Relief of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, \$87.96; incidental subscriptions to above, \$11.30; subscriptions to Sunday School Library, \$65; subscriptions for Christmas Tree and Dressing, \$90. In addition to the above, large subscriptions have been made, on the part of individuals in the Parish, in behalf of the Sanitary and Christian Commissions, and other objects not strictly within the limits of a Parochial Report. Of the Communion Alms, a portion has been reserved as a contribution to the funds of the Massachusetts Church Missionary Society. It should be added, that the subscription noted above as for new furnace, was the cheerful gift of several friends of the Parish and the Rector, outside its own limits. Total of collections, \$1,764.

The project of establishing Missionary Services at South Danvers, referred to in the last Report, has been successfully carried forward. Regular Sunday-evening services have been held in the Town Hall from the 29th of May last, and with encouraging prospects. On pleasant evenings, large congregations have been in attendance, Prayer Books and Tracts distributed, and much interest expressed in the services. The Massachusetts Church Missionary Society has assumed the charge of the station; and, with a more convenient place of worship than that now used, it cannot be doubted that even more favorable results will attend the Mission at South Danvers. With but two excep-

tions, the service at South Danvers, since the last May, has been held by the Rector of Grace Church.

*St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.*

The Rev. EDWIN B. CHASE, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants, 6, adults, 1), 7. Communicants: died, 1, removed, 8, present number, 65. Confirmed, 2. Marriages, 3. Burials, 10. Sunday School: Catechists, 15; Librarians, 3; Scholars, 105. Total, 123. Number of volumes in the Sunday School Library, about 600. Contributions: Communion Alms, \$87.98; Domestic Missions, \$112.18; Foreign Missions, \$70.71; Diocesan Missions, through the Eastern District Missionary Association, \$27.85; Sunday School Offering to the Indian Mission at Faribault, \$26.50; American Bible Society, \$78.23; Episcopal Fund, \$3.42; Incidentals, \$14.31; Sewing Circle, including the proceeds of a sale, \$400.66. Total, \$821.84.

During the past year, a beautiful altar and two substantial and elegant chairs, of chestnut, from designs gratuitously furnished by the accomplished architect, Alexander R. Esty, Esq., of Boston, have been placed in the Chancel.

Serious and much to be regretted losses by removals have occurred, while there has been no increase to the population of the Town, and but little increase to the number of worshippers in the Church.

*St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.*

The Rev. J. CROCKAR WHITE, Rector.

Baptisms, 16. Confirmed, 5. Communicants, about 160. Burials, 18. Marriages, 2.

Offerings: Communion, \$93.67; Foreign Missions, \$38.16; Domestic Missions, \$36.35; Diocesan Missions, \$33.39; Gen-

eral Charities, \$168.10. Sunday School: For Africa, \$20; for Domestic Missions, \$25. Total, \$414.67.

*St. James's Church, Amesbury.*

The Rev. D. GORDON ESTES, D.D., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants), 13. Communicants: added, 7; died or removed, 6; present number, 59. Marriages, 1. Burials, 12. Sunday School: Teachers, 10; Scholars, 60. Contributions: Communion Alms, \$38.60; Domestic Missions, \$10; Parochial purposes, \$472.40. Total, \$521.

During the past year, the interior of the Church has been thoroughly renovated, at an expense of over a thousand dollars. A Caen stone Font, of chaste design, has been placed in the Church by Mrs. E. O. D. Webb, of Germantown, Pa., as a memorial of her brother, the late Capt. William White Dorr, who fell in the battle of Spottsylvania on the 10th of May, 1864. A beautiful and elaborate Reredos has been presented by Mrs. L. M. Robinson, of Dorchester, and a richly carved Credence by Joseph Buckley, Esq., of Boston.

*Christ Church, Andover.*

The Rev. BENJAMIN B. BABBITT, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants, 7; adults, 1,) 8. Communicants: added, 12; removed, 4; died, 4; present number, 120. Confirmed, 8; Marriages, 3. Burials, 12. Sunday School, 100; Teachers, 15.

Missionary Contributions: Foreign Board, \$58.19; Domestic Missions, \$41.33; Diocesan Missions, \$50; Eastern District Association, \$97.50. Other Contributions, within the Parish: Poor, \$62.17; Sunday School, \$122.10; Sundries, \$14; Parish Library, \$25; presents to Rector, \$250. Total \$473.27. With-



out the Parish : Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, \$32 ; Society for the Increase of the Ministry, \$14.11 ; Episcopal Fund, \$554 ; Epping, N. H., \$31. Total, \$631.11. Full amount of contributions, \$1,351.40. Of these contributions, there was gathered at the Offertory, \$355.82 ; by the Ladies' Society, \$154 ; by the Sunday School, \$36.46.

By vote of the Parish at Easter, the surplus cash on hand, above all expenditures, was appropriated towards increasing the Rector's salary. This was in addition to the presents above mentioned.

The condition of the Parish continues improving. The services of the Church are attended, and are united in, both in the singing and the responses, with a most commendable heartiness and energy.

The Rector would express his conviction that, were the Church building improved and enlarged, the Parish would readily expand both in numbers and influence. This conviction arises, however, not from any perceptible overcrowding of the Church, though the congregations are always good, but from the fact that the ground, which the Church might hold, is not fully occupied, and that there is room for increase. This work, however, will doubtless soon occupy the attention of those who have the best interests of the Church here at heart.

The same kindly spirit has been maintained by the people towards their Rector which was exhibited the previous year.

The trying events of the past year have been rendered doubly afflictive upon the several families in the Parish, bearing death in almost every house.

God grant that, whatever the coming year may bring to us, this at least may be our lot, a refreshing peace and prosperity from the Lord, through the riches of his grace.

\$25; Church at Brighton, \$10; American Bible Society, \$25.82; New England Freedmen's Aid Society, \$65; Nashotah, \$3; Sunday School contributions (support of child in Africa named Lillias L. K. Spalding, \$25, Orphans Home in Iowa, \$14.50, Sunday Schools in Kansas, \$14 50, the Mission School connected with the Parish, \$20), \$74. Total, \$899.34.

The past year has not differed materially from those which have preceded it. Some members of the Parish, ever kind to the Rector, provided generously for his summer vacation, by presenting him a purse of one hundred and fifty dollars.

In October last, a Mission Sunday School and Service were commenced in the western part of the city, under the direction of the Rector. Mr. A. V. G. Allen, a Candidate for Orders, and connected with the Seminary at Andover, had charge of the Mission for several months. It is now under the care of Mr. Amos Skeele, who is also a Candidate for Orders, pursuing his studies at Andover. The success of the Mission has been very satisfactory. What is now needed is a large and commodious Sunday School House, to the erection of which friends from abroad must be called upon to contribute. I know of no Mission of more encouraging prospects than this.

### *Trinity Church, Haverhill.*

The Rev. CHARLES H. SEYMOUR, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants, 10, adults, 5), 15. Communicants: added, 8; died or removed, 4; present number, 80. Confirmed, 8. Marriages, 4. Burials, 7. Sunday School Scholars, 70. Missionary contributions: Foreign, \$25; Diocesan, \$50. Other contributions for religious purposes, within the Parish, \$600.

The past year has been a prosperous one for this Parish. The Church accommodations being too limited for the attendant worshippers, the subject of enlargement was agitated at the Easter meeting, and \$3,300 was soon raised entirely within the

Parish. A Building Committee was appointed, who are entering upon the work of adding 200 new sittings. While we have been blessed in temporal things, the great Head of the Church has not withheld his spiritual favors. The Lenten services were well attended, and proved, as we trust, a time of refreshing from the Lord. A goodly number are awaiting Confirmation. To Him be all the praise.

*Calvary Church, Danvers.*

The Rev. ROBERT F. CHASE, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants, 14, adults, 5), 19. Communicants: added, 7; died or removed, 5; present number, 47. Confirmed, 5. Marriages, 3. Burials, 11. Sunday School: Superintendent, 1; Teachers (male, 3, female, 11), 14; Scholars, 71.

Contributions: Communion Alms, \$21.14; Foreign Missions, \$5; Foreign Missions (Five Cent Collection, \$12, Sunday School Offering, \$18.85), \$30.85; Massachusetts Board of Missions, \$10; the Episcopal Fund, \$3.75; the Society for the Increase of the Ministry, \$3; the Society for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, \$3.26; the American Bible Society, \$5.57; the United States Sanitary Commission, \$4.05; the Library of Calvary Church, for the use of the Rector, \$5.36; Sunday School (Christmas) Festival, \$30.71; the Sunday School Library, \$37.75; the Ladies' Church Aid Society, \$250; for the Sunday School Room, and other contributions, about \$60. Total, \$463.44.

The growth of this Parish has been rather steady than rapid. The Lord has blessed us in things spiritual and temporal; to Him be all the praise!

By the donation of Joseph Adams, Esq., of upwards of two hundred volumes, a Library has been founded for the use of the Rector. It is proposed to add to the collection by annual contributions and by other means.

*St. John's Church, Gloucester.*

[No Report.]

**Middlesex County.***Christ Church, Cambridge.*

The Rev. N. HOPKIN, D.D., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants, 36 ; adults, 2,) 38. Communicants : died or removed, 29 ; added, 38 ; present number, 253. Confirmed, 6. Marriages, 4. Burials, 17. Sunday School : Pupils, 159 ; average attendance, 105 ; Teachers, 20.

Contributions for religious purposes, without the Parish : Massachusetts Diocesan Missions, \$75 ; General Domestic Missions, \$55 ; General Foreign Missions, \$65 ; Massachusetts Church Union, \$107.13 ; Sanitary Commission, \$91.10 ; various Churches and Missions, \$379.78. Total without the Parish, \$773.01. Within the Parish : Offerings for general religious and charitable purposes, \$554.71 ; subscriptions for repairs, etc., \$317 ; Sunday School Library, \$80.84 ; various other objects in the Parish, \$666.57 ; gift of the Parishioners to the Rector, \$362. Total within the Parish, \$1,981.12. Total of all contributions, \$2,754.13.

Since the last Convention, the Rector has ended his quarter century of service at Christ Church. During the whole of this long period, the Parish has grown, with singular steadiness, in respect to numbers and other tangible evidences of prosperity. May the increase be found healthful and abiding, the Master pardon imperfections, and accept loving ministrations, which have been attended with many comforts and undeserved rewards !

*St. Peter's Church, Cambridge.*

The Rev. CHARLES SEYMOUR, Rector.

Baptisms, 7. Communicants: added, 10; present number, 80. Marriages, 3. Funerals, 6. Sunday School and Bible Class Scholars and Teachers, 160.

Episcopal Fund, \$277; various Parochial subscriptions and expenditures, \$1,700; extra Parochial, \$200.

Since my last Report, the Parish has purchased and paid for a most eligible site for its new Church, and also defrayed all the expenses for the foundations, which are now ready to receive a superstructure. It has been deemed prudent to wait for a fall in the prices of building materials before resuming operations this season; and it is quite likely that by next midsummer a saving of at least twenty-five per cent. may be realized. The earnest desire of the Parish is to begin work upon the site, in time to complete the building by January of this year.

I learned, incidentally, that, within the last nine months, forty applications for pews have been refused, in consequence of the incapacity of the present place of worship to accommodate more persons than are already provided for; and during a previous period not a few have been told that all the pews are taken. These facts but partially exhibit the extraordinary tendency of the surrounding community towards our beloved Church. It is a singular circumstance, that although many Episcopalians of large fortunes and evangelical sympathies are to be found in the cities and towns in our immediate vicinity, yet, up to the present date, their contributions to our new Church have not equalled the gratuities of those who, not denominationally with us, have shown a generous, and, at the same time, easily-awakened, sympathy in our behalf. With an admirable location, a large surrounding population, and close proximity to Harvard University, one would suppose that among the hundred or two of contiguous Episcopalians, who are blessed with pecuniary abundance, and rejoice in the simplicity of the Gospel, more than enough would

appreciate the importance of aiding us in our work, and the long and happy results of establishing an Evangelical Parish, situated for doing a large work for Christ, upon a broad and permanent basis. May God put it into the hearts of his stewards to help a people who are straining their utmost ability to advance His glorious cause.

*St. Anne's Church, Lowell.*

The Rev. THEODORE EDSON, D.D., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants, 75, adults, 18), 93. Communicants : added, 48 ; died or removed, 50 ; present number, 458. Confirmed, 54. Married, 24. Burials, 57. Sunday School Scholars and Teachers, 250. Missionary contributions to the General Board : Foreign, \$102 ; Domestic, \$40 ; Diocesan, \$425. Within the Parish, \$631.71 ; without the Parish, \$300.

This Parish, for the purpose of cherishing a suitable regard for its consecrated property, the sacredness of the house of God, and an affectionate remembrance of its early members departed, has occasionally commemorated the consecration of its Church at the annual return of the season. On the 19th of March, this year, the Parish commemorated the fortieth anniversary, by a re-union of friends, by the kind aid and assistance of visiting Clergymen, and by appropriate Sermons. The occasion was a very happy, and the celebration a very successful, one.

It will be seen, by the statistics from year to year, that our congregation is to an unusual degree subject to changes. The loss of eighty-eight Communicants, in the two years last past, by removals and death, is a great drain upon the Parish ; but that their places have so nearly been supplied, by the addition of eighty-six, is matter for grateful acknowledgment ; so that our aggregate number is about the same. Our Mission is and has been, in a good degree, with the floating part of the population.

*St. John's Church, Lowell.*

The Rev. CORNELIUS B. SMITH, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants, 19, adults, 2), 21. Communicants : added, 24 ; died or removed, 21 ; present number, minimum estimate, 123. Confirmed, 20. Marriages, 9. Burials, 17. Sunday School : the Rector Superintendent, Teachers and Scholars, 155. Contributions : Foreign Missions, by General-Board, \$47.80, of which amount \$27 were from the Sunday School for a Scholarship in Africa ; Domestic Missions, by the American Church Missionary Society, \$73.29 ; Diocesan Missions, by Massachusetts Church Missionary Society, \$69.06 ; Increase of Ministry, by the same Society, \$15 ; Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, \$15 ; American Bible Society, \$12.88 ; sick in Church Hospitals, \$14.41 ; Christian Commission to the Army, \$17.05 ; for the Sunday School, \$23.65 ; Episcopal Fund, \$22 ; Offertory for various charities, \$146.96. Total, \$457.10, — of which, by approximate estimate, \$323.49 were contributed to objects without, and \$133.61 to objects within, the Parish. This is a report of the regular plate-offerings of the congregation, no mention being made of considerable amounts given by individuals for Parochial objects.

The Rector's Monday Evening Prayer Meeting has been held in private houses for a number of months during the year. The rooms have been crowded, and the spiritual results most encouraging.

The Ladies' Benevolent Society has sent a large amount of clothing and other comforts to the soldiers by the hands of the Christian Commission. The Parish has markedly increased in numbers, and the attendance at all the services has indicated deep religious interest.

The Rector has now held his charge for precisely two Conventional years. Finding the eastern climate too severe for his health, he has resigned the Parish. His personal emotions at

this separation do not belong to a public record. He now leaves a noble people and a ripe harvest field for another laborer.

*St. Mary's Church, Newton Lower Falls.*

The Rev. JOSEPH KIDDER, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants, 13, adults, 4), 17. Communicants : added, 12; died or removed, 2; present number, 130. Confirmed, 6. Marriages, 3. Burials, 10. Sunday School: Scholars, 150; Rector, Superintendent, and Teachers, 20. Missionary Contributions:— Domestic, \$164; Diocesan, \$30. Other contributions within the Parish: Offertory at Communion, \$74.18; money collected for Parish purposes, \$145.10. Without the Parish: American Bible Society, \$92.65; Christian Commission, \$61.33; Episcopal Fund, \$20.45. Sunday School contributions: Rev. Mr. Hagar, of Nebraska, \$40; Books for S. S. Library, \$60; Christian Commission, \$23.34. Total, \$711.05.

The Rector's connection with the Parish commenced on Easter Sunday of the present year.

*Grace Church, Newton Corner.*

The Rev. P. H. STEENSTRA, Rector.

The Rev. J. S. Copley Greene was Rector of this Parish till the close of September, 1864. The present incumbent took charge on the first Sunday in November. The statistics cover the whole year.

Baptisms, (infants, 17, adults, 2), 19. Communicants: added, 18; died or removed, 17; present number, 81. Confirmed, 4. Marriages, 3. Burials, 5. Sunday School, (Teachers, 14, Scholars, 84), 98.

Missionary Contributions: Foreign Missions, \$49.37; Domestic



number, 58. Confirmed, 7. Burials, 2. Sunday School Scholars, 46. Foreign and Domestic Missions, \$8; Diocesan Missions, \$40; Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, \$5; Communion Offerings, \$184.76; Offerings for purposes within the Parish, \$88.72; for payment of Parish debt, \$319.89; penny offerings of S. School, \$18.57. Total, \$664.94.

*Christ Church, Waltham.*

The Rev. THOMAS F. FALES, Rector.

The Rev. GEORGE HOWELL, Officiating.

Baptisms, (infants,) 11 Communicants: added, 16; died or removed, 4; present number, 115. Confirmed, 10. Marriages, 3. Burials, 10. Sunday School: Teachers, 8; Scholars, 70. Missionary Contributions: Diocesan Missions, \$56.04; General Missions, \$74.20; other contributions, \$530.66. Total, \$660.90.

*Trinity Church, Melrose.*

The Rev. JOHN B. RICHMOND, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants,) 6. Communicants: added, 8; died, 1; removed, 3; present number, 45. Confirmed, 5. Marriage, 1. Burials, 9. Sunday School: Scholars, 58; Teachers, 6. Families, 53. Diocesan Missions, \$10; Eastern District Missionary Association, \$10; Bible Society, \$10; Episcopal Fund, \$6; contributions within the Parish, \$700.

There has been but little change in the temporal or spiritual prospects of this Parish. The debt upon the Church building is not yet removed, though the amount has been subscribed to within some nine hundred dollars, and mostly by members of the

thousand and one objects of the day, make our effort the slower and more difficult of accomplishment. But the Lord is our strength, and through Him alone will our task be brought to a successful issue.

*St. Paul's Church, Auburndale.*

[No Report.]

*St. John's Church, Framingham.*

The Rev. WILLIAM H. NEILSON, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants, 7, adults, 10,) 17. Communicants: added, 13; removed, 1; present number, 66. Confirmed, 14. Marriages, 3. Burials, 4. Sunday School Scholars, 60. Missionary contributions, \$26.82. Other contributions for religious purposes: Within the Parish, \$375.90; without the Parish, \$107.27.

The present Rector entered upon his duties on November 13th, 1864. Although the Parish has suffered to some extent from removals, it is yet in a flourishing condition, and the work of Christ seems to be prospering in our midst. There is a much more kindly feeling manifested towards us by Christians of other denominations, many of them attending the public services of the Church.

*Grace Church, Malden.*

The Rev. C. INGLES CHAPIN, Officiating Minister.

Baptisms, (infants, 15, adults, 2,) 17. Communicants: last reported, 19; died, 1; removed, 3; added, 19; present number,  
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*Emmanuel Church, Somerville.*

The Rev. EDWARD HYDE HARLOW, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants, 3, adults, 6,) 9. Communicants, 46. Marriages, 0. Sunday School: Superintendent, 1; Teachers, 10; Scholars, 60.

There have been none Confirmed during the past year; but several persons are now ready for the administration of the rite.

For objects within the Parish, there have been contributed the following sums, viz.: — Offertory, \$250.80; Sunday School donations and collections, \$60.72; Ladies' Sewing Circle and by Festival, \$350. Total, \$661.52.

The present incumbent entered on his duties the second Sunday in Advent, 1864.

The new Church will be completed in August next.

*St. Thomas's Chapel, East Somerville.*

[No Report.]

*Church of Our Redeemer, Holliston.*

The Rev. B. F. COOLEY, Rector.

Families, 40. Baptisms, (infants, 18, adults, 17,) 35. Communicants: died, 1; removed, 5; present number, 33. Confirmed, 18. Marriages, 3. Burials, 5. Sunday School: Scholars, 50; Teachers, 10. Missionary contributions: Board of Missions, \$15; Eastern District Association, \$8.25; Sunday School contribution, \$25; Communion Alms and other objects within the Parish, \$447.86. Total amount of contributions, \$496.11.

Only one thing seems to be needed to make the Church Holliston a self-supporting Parish, and this is a decent and becoming place for the worship of Almighty God. For the building of a Church we labor and pray. A lot of land is secured and paid for ; the stone for the Church is already given. Will liberal hearts aid us ?

I have held services at Hopkinton, Medfield, Bragville, and Natick. The latter place needs a resident Missionary. I have been also invited to hold services in a vacant Universalist house of worship at Medway.

*To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the  
Diocese of Massachusetts :* }

I have officiated at East Cambridge since the first of last September. Could a Church be erected here, a medium congregation might be collected for our religious worship ; but, without such a building, our labors and sacrifices are hopeless.

In the course of my services here, I baptized three infants, had a Sunday School of about sixty, and a congregation numbering generally from thirty to forty ; but the want of a proper place for worship, which we could control and keep sufficiently clean for our use, made it necessary for us, on the 14th instant, to transfer our services, and what we could of our Sunday School and congregation, to East Somerville. What Providence has in store for this latter point remains yet to be seen.

D. POTTER

*To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese :*

Services at North Cambridge were commenced on Christmas evening ; the first and introductory Sermon being preached by the Rev. Dr. Huntington. Since that time, the regular Morning Service has been held, a Sunday School in the afternoon, and service again in the evening. At this latter, we have received assistance from the clergy of the vicinity.

It is hoped that this movement may result in the permanent establishment of the Church in this part of the city, which, in some respects, offers much encouragement for such an undertaking.

Our grateful acknowledgments are due to friends both in Cambridge and Boston, for donations received towards the charitable purposes of the Mission.

The Sunday School and the weekly Sewing School, as also the music of the Church services, have been sustained almost entirely by the assistance of members of Christ Church. To the kind offices of Mr. Samuel Batchelder, Jr., and George Dexter, Esq., we are specially indebted.

The Rector of Emmanuel Church, Boston, has most generously provided for our Sunday School Library, which has reached nearly the number of two hundred volumes of most excellent books.

During the few weeks which I have been engaged in this work, I have baptized eight children and one adult. The number of communicants is about twenty; the number of scholars in our schools between fifty and sixty.      ANDREW CROSWELL.

## Norfolk County.

### *Christ Church, Quincy.*

The Rev. HENRY BURROUGHS, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants,) 21. Communicants: added, 7, died or removed, 5, present number, 60. Confirmed, 5. Marriages, 4. Burials, 3. Sunday School Scholars, 50.

Missionary Contributions: — Foreign, \$20; Domestic, \$21, including \$1 for the Jews; Diocesan, \$27.40. Other contributions for religious purposes: Within the Parish, from the weekly Offertory, \$1,096.70; subscription for repairs, etc., \$351.25.

munion), \$168.86; paid Church debts, \$353. Total, \$1,196.54.

This, like other suburban Parishes, is subject continually to changes, but our losses do not exceed our gains. The Parish enjoys its usual prosperity.

*St. James's Church, Roxbury.*

The Rev. GEORGE S. CONVERSE, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants, 50, adults, 3), 53. Communicants: added, 56; died or removed, 15; present number, 282. Confirmed, 40. Marriages, 13. Burials, 25. Sunday School: Superintendent, 1; Teachers, 26; Scholars, 253. Mission Sunday School: Superintendent, 1; Teachers, 16; Scholars (men, 12, women, 23, children, 85), 120. Total in both Schools: Teachers, 42; Scholars, 373. Missionary contributions: General Domestic Missions, \$100.01; Diocesan Missions (Massachusetts Board, \$50, Southern District Association, \$100), \$150; Foreign Missions, \$130; Sunday Schools for Missions, \$113.67. Other contributions for religious purposes: American Bible Society, \$100; Communion Offertory, \$642.23; for the Christian Commission, \$83.63; for the Episcopal Fund, \$95; for the Margaret Coffin Prayer-Book Society, \$62.52; for the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen (collection at an Ordination), \$12.73; for the Helping Hand Society, \$53.64; for the Sunday School, \$214.50; for the Christmas Festival, \$178.95; for the payment of the floating debt of the Church (Easter collection), \$5,000. Total (without the Parish, \$847.56; within the Parish, \$6,089.33), \$6,936.89.

The Benevolent Society make the following Report of the Mission work for the year among the Church of England people in this city: Number of visitors, 29; families visited during the year, 90; number at present in charge of visitors, 86. Material aid has been given to a portion of these families to the amount

of \$175.57. The Employment Department has given sewing to 19 women, to the amount of \$194.25.

The Sewing School has met weekly, from November to March with an average attendance of 60. The whole number of children connected with the School has been 104.

The Helping Hand has furnished three boxes of clothing to Missionaries at the West. Number of articles, 297; value, \$408.

The Church was open for Evening Prayer on Friday afternoon, weekly, from September to November; and for Evening Prayer and a Lecture on Friday evenings, from November to Easter. During Lent there was Evening Prayer daily in the Church, with the addition of Morning Prayer in Passion Week.

Since November there has been a regular Sunday evening Service held in the Mission Hall on Tremont Street, under the charge of a Lay Reader. The Rector has officiated himself from time to time. The Hall has generally been filled to its utmost capacity, and much interest is manifested by the English people in the service.

*St. John's Church, Jamaica Plain.*

The Rev. W. R. BARCOCK, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants, 12, adults, 1), 13. Communicants: added, 8; died or removed, 13; present number, 150. Marriages, 1. Burials, 12. Sunday School: Scholars, 100; Superintendent, 1; Librarian, and Teachers, 15. Total, 115. Contributions: Foreign Missions, \$150; Domestic Missions (American Church Missionary Society), \$100; Diocesan Missions (Massachusetts Church Missionary Society), \$300; Massachusetts Board, \$1,315; American Bible Society, \$155; Communion Alms, \$451; other contributions for the Poor, \$391; to aid Free Parishes, \$200; Libraries for Poor Sunday Schools, \$60; Bibles

Lee, for Female Seminary in Iowa, \$100; Church Home for Destitute Children, Boston, \$45.47; Widows and Orphans Society, \$25; Education Committee, Ohio, \$50; House of Good Samaritan, Boston, \$25; Margaret Coffin Prayer-Book Society, \$25; Sunday School, for Library and Christmas Tree, \$200.22; Rectory Fund, \$400; various other objects, designated by the donors, \$320.58. Total, \$2,995.78.

Probably two-thirds of this amount have been appropriated to objects outside of the Parish.

The large increase of Parochial Offerings (exceeding the average amount of the last three years by nearly one hundred per cent.) is mainly due to the system of Annual Pledges, which we have adopted in the place of the monthly collections of previous years.

The administration of the rite of Confirmation has been unavoidably postponed until after the Convention.

*St. Mary's Church, Dorchester.*

The Rev. W. H. MILLS, Rector.

Baptisms (infants, 11, adults, 4), 15. Confirmed, 7. Communicants: added, 20; died and removed, 9; present number, 142. Marriage, 1. Burials, 6. Sunday School: Scholars, 107; Teachers, 15. Total, 122. Missionary Offerings: Foreign Missions, \$169.52; Domestic Missions, \$291.08; Diocesan Missions, (Massachusetts Board,) \$330.27; Southern District Association, \$84.49; Dakotah Mission, \$123.05; Dakotah Mission, by Sunday School, \$80; Nashota, \$120.81; St. Paul's Church, Leavenworth, \$45; Bishop Lee Seminary, \$45.95. Total, \$1,290.17. Other offerings: Within the Parish, for the Poor, \$255; Communion Alms, \$312.40. Total, \$567.40. Without the Parish, Balance Font for Hyde Park, \$25; Society for Increase of Ministry, \$115.42; Student for Ministry, \$20; Widows



and Orphans Society, \$54.32; American Bible Society, \$1 Margaret Coffin Prayer-Book Society, \$44; for Poor, for Missionary and Hospital purposes, by St. Mary's Missionary Society, \$224.75. Total, \$502.49. Whole amount of Offerings, \$2,360.06.

*Christ Church, Hyde Park, Dorchester.*

The Rev. A. H. WASHBURN, Officiating Minister.

Statistics from Easter, 1864, to Easter, 1865: Number families, 40. Baptisms (infants, 5, adult, 1), 6. Communicants, 41. Marriages, 2. Burials, 5. Morning and Evening Prayer read 186 times. The Holy Communion administered, public, 17 times, in private, once. Sermons preached, 10 Sunday School: Teachers, 12; Scholars, 55. Offertory, \$39 49. Of this, for the American Bible Society, \$10.90; for Diocesan Missions, \$20.

*St. Paul's Church, Brookline.*

The Rev. FRANCIS WHARTON, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants, 8, adults, 4), 12. Persons Confirmed, 1 Person added to Communion, 34. Communicants: removed 6; present number, about 180. Marriages, 4. Funerals, Sunday School: Teachers, 20; Scholars, 120.

Contributions: Soldiers' Relief, through several agencies, \$480; Diocesan Missions, \$1,216; Destitute Clergymen, \$19 Education for Ministry, \$997; Feeble Parishes, \$698; Grwold Professorship, Philadelphia Divinity School, \$2,492; American Tract Society (special contribution), \$1,000; Books for distribution, \$208; Western Missions, \$720; Seaman's Mission, \$393; Evangelical Knowledge Society, \$300; Foreign Missions

\$720; Sewing Circle, \$60; Church Home (special contribution), \$65; School for Freedmen at Memphis, \$400; Poor of Parish, \$225; contributions to Christmas Tree, \$200; Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergy, \$25; Margaret Coffin Prayer-Book Society, \$25; St. Stephen's House, \$20; Miscellaneous, \$50. Total, \$10,498.

### **Plymouth County.**

*St. Andrew's Church, Hanover.*

The Rev. SAMUEL CUTLER, Rector.

Baptisms, (infant, 1, adults, 2,) 3. Communicants: added, 4; died, 3; removed, 3; present number, 101. Confirmed, 4. Marriages, 2. Burials, 11. Sunday School Scholars, 54.

Missionary and other contributions: Foreign Missions, General Board, \$60; American Church Missionary Society for Hayti, \$60; American Church Missionary Society, Domestic, \$70; Massachusetts Church Missionary Society, \$55; Evangelical Knowledge Society, \$73.65, (\$20 of which was from the Sunday School, for the army); for Church in Muscatine, Iowa, \$60; for American Bible Society, \$41.12; for Chapel of Griswold College, \$40; for the Federal Army, through the Christian Commission, \$166.43; Mission of Dr. Wells, from a parishioner, \$30; Seamen's Mission, \$16; American Tract Society, N. Y., \$25; Widows and Orphans Society, \$20. Total without the Parish, \$717.20.

For the monthly distribution of seventy-five copies of the *Parish Visitor*, and Tracts, etc., in the Parish, \$26.35; for the Poor, from Communion Alms, etc., \$48. Total within the Parish, \$74.35, making the whole amount \$791.55.

during the past three years. I continue my labors, every Sunday afternoon, as Chaplain of the Plymouth County Jail and House of Correction.

I have visited the garrisons of Forts Standish and Andrew, in Plymouth Harbor, rendering them such ministerial services as time and opportunity permitted, and providing them with abundant supplies of religious reading.

I have also officiated in the Plymouth Alms House, and distributed among its inmates papers and publications of a spiritual and profitable character.

## Bristol County.

### *St. Thomas's Church, Taunton.*

The Rev. ROBERT C. ROGERS, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants,) 25. Communicants: added, 9; died or removed, 23; present number, 229. Confirmed, 1. Marriages, 5. Burials, 22. Sunday Schools, (the Parish School, Oakland Branch and Hopewell Branch): Teachers, 41; Scholars, 390.

Missionary and charitable contributions: Diocesan Missions, Massachusetts General Board, \$103; Southern District Association, \$42.63; Domestic Missions, \$80; Missions in Kansas, from Sunday School, \$18.70; Indian Mission at Faribault, from Sunday School, \$70; Nashotah, from Sunday School, \$18.70; Foreign Missions, \$72.31; China, from Sunday School, \$20; Africa, from Sunday School, \$20.60; Society for the Increase of the Ministry, \$50; Sunday School purposes, \$75.59; Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, \$25; American Bible Society, \$40; Christian Commission, \$51; Hospital Aid Society, \$45; Communion Alms, \$281.33. Total, \$1,013.86.

In addition to the preceding contributions, — which evince a

firmed, 16. Marriages, 5. Burials, 13. Sunday School Scholars, 140. Missionary contributions : Domestic, \$47.50 ; Diocesan, (Board, \$35.50, S. D. Association, \$50), \$85.50. Total, \$133.

Other contributions, for religious purposes within the Parish : Communion Alms, for the Poor. \$210.83 ; Parish purposes, \$73.20 ; Chapel building, \$2,241.95. Total, \$2,525.98.

Without the Parish : Trinity collection, for Episcopal Fund, \$37.50 ; Widows and Orphans Fund, \$25 ; Soldiers Relief Society, \$50.30. Total, \$112.80. Whole amount of offerings, \$2,771.78.

In explanation of the item "Chapel building," the Rector has great satisfaction in stating that property in the rear of the Church, including a lot nearly as large as the original Church lot, and a building thereon, has been purchased by the Vestry, and the building converted into a very convenient Chapel or Sunday School House. On the purchase, a mortgage of \$1,000 yet remains to be paid, in installments ; but, with this exception, there has been no debt incurred in this good work : for which, as well as for other tokens of increasing vitality in the Parish, and of affectionate regard for himself, the Rector makes a grateful record.

*Ascension Church, Fall River.*

The Rev. A. M. WYLIE, Rector.

The following Report embraces a period of one year and four Sundays, dating back to my last Report :

Congregation not materially different from last Report. Some services better attended, and others hardly so well, owing probably to the general suffering occasioned by the frequent and long stoppage of the mills, and the severe draught upon our population by the demands of our patriotic war. Confirmed, 9. Admitted to Communion, having been Confirmed, 4. Removed, 4.

Present number of Communicants, about 100. Baptisms (adult, 1, infants, 33,) 34. Marriages, 17. Funerals, Sunday School: Classes, 20; Scholars, 175. Services, (including Sermons preached at Swansea,) Sunday, 141; other days, 45; read service when others preached, 16. Total, 202.

Collections: For the Poor, \$92.37; Diocesan Missions, \$1; Bible Society, \$25.47; Christian Commission, \$9.28; Indigent Clergy, \$13; Foreign Missions, \$14; Domestic, \$8.83; W. Virginia Union Sufferers, \$21.12 (besides a large donation of Clothing); Sunday School Offering, \$44.77; for Sunday School and Church at Christmas, \$49.50; Convention expenses, \$1 for a Parish Library, collected (with the exception of about \$1 from friends outside of the Parish, \$633. Besides the above the Rectory has been purchased for \$6,000, having obtained subscriptions amounting to \$5,700 (\$400 from members of the congregation), of which \$5,000 have been paid in, enabling us to procure a suitable house, in which we are now living. Total collections, for purposes within the Parish, (including \$600 for repairs, music, etc.,) \$7,074.87; for objects without the Parish \$157.47. Sum total, \$7,232.34.

Since my last Report, I have for a year been holding special services monthly for the young men, and on all these occasions the Church has been filled; also, have more recently begun a service, monthly, for the children of the Sunday School, having specially in view a more careful system of catechising, and addresses or sermons adapted to their youthful capacity; and may here add, that near 50 scholars have recited, again and again, the Catechism without the slightest mistake.

*Christ Church, Swansea.*

The Rev. A. M. WYLIE, Rector.

By a conjunction of circumstances seemingly providential

appeared to be my duty to extend my ministrations to this interesting little village Parish, four miles distant from Fall River, receiving from them an urgent invitation to preach to them the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I accordingly began on the first Sunday in June, 1864, the Diocesan Board kindly appropriating \$150 to sustain the expenses of journeying back and forth.

During the year, now near its close, I have been interrupted but three times by storms. The attendance has varied between 30 and 105, and I have felt encouraged to keep on the interesting work, if it still appears to be my duty.

Sunday School: Classes, 4; Scholars, 36. Owing to the almost utter impossibility of obtaining the services of a Superintendent, the School does not prosper as we could wish. Communicants, about 6; died or removed, 0. Funerals, Baptisms, Confirmations, none. Offerings: Communion Alms, \$6.81, (having had but three Communion); Diocesan Board, \$10; Christian Commission, \$10.90; Indigent Clergy, \$4; Foreign Missions, \$4.59; West Virginia Sufferers, \$10.12; Domestic Missions, \$6.80; Bible Society, \$7.60. Total, \$60.82.

### Nantucket County.

[No Report.]

### Worcester County.

*St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville.*

The Rev. SAMUEL S. SPEAR, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants, 2; adults, 2,) 4. Communicants: added,

\$43. Total of Parish offerings during the Conventional year, \$2,141.

Since the last Report, the capacity of the Church has been very considerably enlarged by the addition of an eastern aisle, and by a change in the position of the Organ. Under God's blessing, the Parish continues in the enjoyment of a healthy prosperity.

*Christ Church, Clappville.*

The Rev. GEORGE STURGIS PAINE, Rector.

The present Rector having had charge of this Church since December only, and as it has been some time undergoing repairs, and will remain so several weeks longer, the Report for this year is somewhat brief. The whole interior of the Church is to be decorated anew, and altered in many respects. A fine Organ also is being built for the Church at an expense of \$1,500.

Baptisms, (infants,) 2. The baptism of a number of children, which was to have taken place at Easter, was deferred, the Church being closed for repairs, and the Report of which will be carried forward to another year. The same, also, is true of Confirmations, there being no settled Rector at the period of the regular visitation of the Bishop.

Communicants, 50 ; removed, 1. Burials, 4. Sunday School Scholars, 60. Contributions within the Parish, for general purposes, \$423.86 Missionary Contributions: Foreign, \$5 ; Domestic, \$7 ; Diocesan, \$10 ; other purposes, \$5. Total, \$450.86.

*St. John's Church, N*

The Rev. GEORGE RUMNE

Baptisms, (infants, 9, adult, 1), 10.  
24; died, 2; removed, 12; present num  
Marriages, 4. Burials, 10. Sunday S

Contributions: Foreign Missions, \$8  
\$9.39; Diocesan Missions, \$7.20; Sun  
ing for Breck Mission, \$17.87; Episco  
vention Fund, \$7; Society for Increase  
Y. Bible and Common Prayer-Book Soci  
Offerings, \$42.88. Total, \$117.24.

*Grace Church, West B*

[No Report.]

*St. Mark's Church, Sou*

Baptisms, (infants), 6. Communican  
removed, 4; present number, 16. Con

Offerings for support of Worship, \$91  
16; Christmas Offerings for the Poor.  
Coffin Prayer-Book Society, \$26.71; fo  
22. Total, \$1,044.05.

The Parish is free from debt, and is  
work in the neighboring towns.

In June, 1864, the Rev. A. G. Pattern  
ship of this Parish to enter upon new du

Since that time, the Parish has had no



employed, during the most of this interval, the Rev. Charles Wingate, from the Diocese of Rhode Island, who will continue, God willing, for the present his faithful, and, we trust, blessed work among us.

JOSEPH BURNETT,  
GEORGE L. GILLMORE,  
Wardens.

*Christ Church, Fitchburgh.*

The Rev. HENRY L. JONES, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants, 6, adults, 3), 9. Communicants: added, 10; removed, 5; present number, 70. Confirmed, 19. Marriages, 7. Burials, 5.

Collections: American Bible Society, \$20; Prayer-Book Society, \$7; Refugees Society, \$32; other charitable objects, \$124.

*Grace Church, Oxford.*

The Rev. W. F. LEYD, Rector.

Baptisms, 3. Rite of Confirmation reserved until we obtain the use of our Church, now near completion. Communicants, 8. Marriages, 3. Burials, 6. Sunday School: Scholars, 40; Teachers, 7. Contributions for Sunday School, \$44.30.

The peculiar circumstances of this new parish have as yet made it unadvisable to introduce a system of collections for usual objects. Our pecuniary interest has been largely absorbed in our Church building, which is nearly completed.

sons. Sunday Scholars, (names on Catalogue,) 42. Marriage, 1. Funerals, 4. Amount of Offerings, \$62.64.

Shortly after a meeting of the Parishioners, on Easter Monday of this present year, it was thought best, by a certain number of the leading members of the Parish, in consultation with warm friends of the new enterprise, to take immediate steps for the legal and permanent organization of the Church. This was deemed of prime importance, in order to our present success as well as future prosperity.

Accordingly, the forms, as set forth in the Revised Statutes of this Commonwealth, were duly complied with, and on the 16th May the organization of the Church and Parish was completed. and the proper officers were chosen and qualified. The Rev. Andrew Mackie was unanimously elected the Rector ; his compensation for services to date from 27th March of the present year.

Never has this new Parish been on as fair and firm foundation as it is now. We shall need assistance from outside friends, but feel sure that what is necessary will be afforded. A donation of fifty dollars, from Otis Daniell, Esq., has proved of great value this past year, in replenishing our Sunday School Library ; for which generous gift we are sincerely thankful.

A suitable Church is quite essential to our success. That, we believe, will come at the right time. Our trust is in the Lord ; much has He blessed us so far. Much more will He bless us, if we show ourselves grateful and humble in heart, and true Christian men, of larger FAITH and more constant and zealous PRAYER.

*St. Paul's Church, Holyoke.*

The Rev. ORMOND H. DUTTON, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants, 16, adults, 5), 21. Communicants :

municants: added, 6; died 4; removed, 1; present number, 130. Burials, (infants, 5, adults, 10,) 15. Marriages, 9. Sunday School: Teachers, 10; Scholars, 90. Contributions: Permanent Episcopal Fund of the Diocese, \$12.22; Margaret Coffin Prayer-Book Society, \$13.18; Massachusetts Board of Missions, \$50.50; Domestic Missions, \$21.45; Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen of Massachusetts, \$20; Sunday School Offering for Indian Missions, \$20.50; Society for the Increase of the Ministry, \$50. Total for objects without the Parish, \$187.85. For Sunday School, \$44.98; private contribution for Lent Services, \$30; paid on the Parish debt, by the Ladies' Sewing Society, \$143.33; Offertory, \$141.16. Total for objects within the Parish, \$359.47. Total amount of contributions, \$547.32.

*St. John's Church, Ashfield.*

The Rev. LEWIS GREEN, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants,) 3. Communicants: added, 2; died or removed, 2; present number, 28. Confirmed, 0. Marriages, 0. Burials, 4. Sunday School Scholars, 21.

Missionary Contributions: Foreign, \$13, — of this \$8 was contributed by the Sunday School; Diocesan, \$17; Communion Alms, \$19.54; Christian Commission, \$132; Raised by the Ladies' Sewing Circle, for objects within the Parish, \$150. Aggregate contributions without the Parish, \$162; within the Parish, \$169.54.

*St. James's Church, Great Barrington.*

[No Report.]

*Trinity Church, Van Deusenville.*

The Rev. J. A. PENNIMAN, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants, 4, adults, 2), 6. Communicants, about 41. Marriages, 9. Burials, 9. Sunday School: Scholars, 40; Teachers, 6.

Foreign Missions, \$18; Domestic Missions, \$26; Diocesan Missions, \$32.33; for Sunday School, \$14.92; Sanitary Commission, \$36.60; other Communion Offerings, \$28.21.

During the past year I have done Missionary work in the Town of Alford, and made collections as below:

American Bible Society, \$5; American Tract Society, \$2; Domestic Missions, \$3.92, — (the latter sum is included in Report of Van Deusenville Parish); Sanitary Commission, \$34.40.

*St. Andrew's Church, New Boston.*

[No Report.]

*St. Paul's Church, Otis.*

[No Report.]

*St. Paul's Church, Sto*

The Rev. HENRY F. ALL

Baptisms, (adults, 0, infants, 3), 3.  
 4; died or removed, 0; present number  
 1. Marriages, 3. Burials, 6. Sunday  
 For Christian Commission, \$187.03  
 sion, \$24.93; for Christmas Tree, \$53  
 \$100; South Lee Mission, \$50; Offert  
 lections specified, \$78.78. Total, \$498

In addition to the above, a Fair w  
 proceeds of which were devoted to the  
 beautiful stone Font, which now occupie  
 Chancel. Various changes have been  
 the Church, which have farther improve

The Mission at South Lee, though so  
 temporary suspension of regular serv  
 caused by the resignation of the former  
 Services are held here on the afternoor  
 attendance is good, and there is an ave  
 There is also a Sunday School. The F  
 during that part of the Conventional y  
 upon his duties at Stockbridge, in Ma  
 various places in the Diocese to the nur  
 and assisted in the service three times.

*Trinity Church, L*

The Rev. J. FIELD, J

Baptisms, (infant,) 1. Communica  
 added, 4; died or removed, 2.

Contributions: For Bible Society,

sion, \$77.35 ; Society for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, \$25.

*St. George's Church, Lee.*

The Rev. GUSTAVUS M. MURRAY, Rector.

Baptisms, (infant, 1, adults, 2,) 3. Communicants: added, 9 ; died or removed, 5 ; present number, 45. Confirmed, 2. Marriage, 1. Burials, 4. Sunday School and Bible Class : Teachers, 6 ; Scholars, 43. Communion Alms, \$29.44. Collections and Subscriptions for Parochial expenses, \$225 ; for Sunday School, \$19.

The above Report includes a period of ten months. The present Rector entered upon his duties on the first Sunday in July, 1864. On Easter Sunday the new Church was opened for Divine service.

*St. John's Church, North Adams.*

The Rev. ROBERT WEEKS, Rector.

Baptisms, (adult, 1, children, 10), 11. Confirmed, 2. Added and received to the Communion, 9. Burials, 8. Marriages, 2. Sunday School: Teachers and Officers, 22 ; Scholars, 120. Total, 142.

Contributions, aside from Pew Rents: Parish purposes, \$83. 89 ; Communion Offertory, \$47.01 ; Soldiers Aid, \$10.

Missions: Diocesan, \$79.78 ; Domestic, \$33 ; Foreign, \$35.43.

Donations to increase salary: North Adams, \$85 ; South Adams, \$151. Total, \$524.11.

The features of encouragement I have to present in this my

third Report, are the increased contributions for Parish, Missionary, and other purposes, and the flourishing condition of the Sunday Schools, which have grown to a very gratifying extent.

### **Barnstable County.**

*Church of the Messiah, Wood's Hole.*

[No Report.]

*St. John's Church, Sandwich.*

[No Report.]

### **Miscellaneous.**

*House of Correction, South Boston.*

The Rev. JOSEPH H. CLINCH, Chaplain.

Baptisms, (infants,) 8. Marriages, 7. Burials, 13.

I have been engaged during the past Conventional year in discharging the duties of my Chaplaincy. I have three Services every Sunday: the first at the Lunatic Hospital, at which from 50 to 60 of the patients attend regularly, and two in the Chapel of the House of Correction, where all the prisoners of the Institution are assembled. Many of the convalescent patients from the Insane Hospital are permitted to be present at the P. M. Service at the House of Correction. I have, also, had the

Morning Prayer and a Sermon on the day of the National Fast, on the 4th of August, on the day of the National and State Thanksgiving, and on Christmas Day.

*To the Right Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts :*

I have respectfully to report that, since the last Convention, I have been attached, as in several preceding years, to the Boston Navy Yard.

I have continued to officiate in the Chapel of the Yard twice on every Sunday, and have administered the Holy Communion on the first Sunday in each month, with one exception ; also, on Easter and Whitsunday. I have regularly visited the Naval Hospital at Chelsea, at least three times a week, and attended, according to my ability, to the spiritual wants of such sick and disabled seamen as have been patients in that Institution. The distribution of Bibles and Religious Tracts has been continued as in years past.

Baptisms, 3. Communicants, 6. Burials, 35.

M. B. CHASE, *Chaplain U. S. Navy.*

*To the Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D.D., }*  
*Bishop of Massachusetts : }*

The record of my ministerial duties, during the past year, is the same as that of the year previous.

As Chaplain of the U. S. Ship *Ohio*, I have performed Divine Service every Sunday on board of that vessel, and have "committed to the ground," in the burial place of the Naval Hospital, Chelsea, the bodies of eight seamen who died on the Receiving Ship. I have distributed Prayer Books, Bibles, and Religious Tracts, as opportunities offered.

I have continued, also, to assist the Minister of St. Stephen's Chapel in his ministrations to the poor of this city, very much in the same manner and to the same extent as during the previous year.



The Baptisms and Marriages performed by me are all included in the Report of the Rev. Dr. Wells.

JOHN L. WATSON, *Chaplain U. S. Navy.*  
*Boston, May 17, 1865.*

*Foster, U. S. General Hospital,* }  
*Newbern, N. C., May 11, 1865.* }

*To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese :*

Happy to be able to acknowledge myself still under your jurisdiction, I have the honor to report that I have been on duty in this Hospital during the last Conventional year, under orders from the Commanding General of the District, and the Surgeon in charge of the Hospital. My duties, as formerly, have consisted in visiting and ministering religious counsel and consolation to the patients, and in the burial of the dead. I have preached once each Lord's Day in Christ Church, in the city,—often to crowded congregations,—and held one or more service each week in the Chapel, for the benefit of the patients and others.

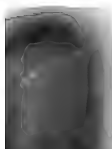
During the year, I have performed 11 Baptisms, solemnized 8 Marriages, and buried 754.

J. HILL ROUSE, *Chaplain U. S. A.*

*Point of Rocks Hospital, Army of the James, Va.,* }  
*April 25, 1865.* }

*To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese :*

Since the commencement of last May, I have been on duty at Point of Rocks Hospital, Va., containing at the present time 3,700 patients; the average during the year having been about 2,700. I have held Service every Sunday, and frequently during the week. I have given Christian burial to about 1,200, fifty



of whom have been Confederates. Religious reading has been daily distributed, and not a few, I trust, have found their way smoothed as they have travelled to the better land. The Bible and the Prayer Book have been my constant guides, and are eagerly sought after and read by the sick and wounded. May the blessing of Christ attend upon all labor, however feebly performed.

G. G. JONES.

To the Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D.D., }  
Bishop of Massachusetts: }

I have preached in behalf of the American Bible Society, during the past Conventional year, in the following Churches, viz.:

*Massachusetts.*—Church of the Messiah, Boston; St. Andrew's Church, Chelsea; Chapel, East Cambridge; St. Paul's Church, Stockbridge; St. Luke's Church, Lanesborough; St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield; Trinity Church, Lenox; Trinity Church, Melrose; St. Michael's Church, Marblehead; Trinity Church, Haverhill; Christ Church, Hyde Park; St. Andrew's Church, Hanover; Grace Church, Lawrence; St. Peter's Church, Salem; Calvary Church, Danvers; St. Thomas's Church, Taunton; St. James's Church, Roxbury; St. Mary's Church, Newton Lower Falls; Christ Church, Fitchburg; St. Matthew's Church, South Boston; St. John's Church, Jamaica Plain; Trinity Church, Boston; St. Paul's Church, Boston; St. Mary's Church, Dorchester; Emmanuel Church, Boston; Christ Church, Boston; All Saints' Church, Worcester; St. John's Church, Framingham; Church of the Ascension, Fall River; Christ Church, Swansea; St. Paul's Church, Brookline.

*Maine.*—St. Stephen's Church, Portland; St. Luke's Church, Portland.

*Connecticut.*—Christ Church, Bridgeport; St. Paul's Church, New Haven; St. John's Church, North Haven.

*New York.*—St. John's Church, Troy; Church of the Ascen-

sion, New York ; Church of the Holy Trinity, New York ; St. Mark's Church, New York ; Church of the Evangelists, New York ; St. George's Church, Astoria ; Christ Church, Brooklyn ; Church of the Atonement, Brooklyn ; St. Peter's Church, Brooklyn ; St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn ; Christ Church, North Brooklyn, St. George's Church, Flushing.

The work of the American Bible Society has never been so urgent as during the past year, and the gifts of our Parishes visited have never been so generous. The whole number of volumes issued by the Society during the year is 1,830,564. The grants to the United States Christian Commission have been 415,840 volumes. The total number granted to the Christian Commission since the war began is 1,265,175. There have been granted to the Freedmen, in all, 52,248 volumes. To prisoners of war there have been given, during the year, 33,694 volumes, in addition to those supplied by auxiliaries and the Christian Commission, and to Southern troops and people, 58,500 volumes.

Now that the desolating rebellion, which has tasked the energies of the Government for the last four years, has been brought to an end, a work of great magnitude presents itself to the Society, in supplying the destitute in the Southern and Border States. While other fields, both at home and abroad, are "white, already to harvest," this call cannot certainly be neglected. It will be the prayer of every devout mind, that God will here, indeed, "send forth his light and his truth."

EDMUND F. SLAFTER.

*To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese :*

My resignation of Grace Church, Newton Corner, took effect the first of October last. Since that time I have been Assistant Minister of St. Paul's Church, Brookline ; and have endeavored to discharge the duties of Corresponding Secretary of the Massachusetts Church Missionary Society, which appointed me to that office in September last.

J. S. COPLEY GREENE.

*To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese :*

The undersigned has aided his brethren of Boston and its vicinity, to the extent of his ability, in the services of the Church, during the Conventional year, and has edited the *Christian Witness and Church Advocate*.

THEODORE W. SNOW.

*Dorchester, May 19, 1865.*

*To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese :*

I recall nothing in the past year to demand extensive report. After the measure of my strength and the number of my years, I have continued to lend occasional aid to the Parochial Clergy, and do something for the supply of destitute Churches and Missionary Stations. I ask no appointment to more arduous or responsible duty. I find, by record, that during the past year I have preached 43 times, have read service somewhat oftener, have baptized 1 infant, and committed to the grave 1 child of 13 years.

WM. WORTHINGTON.

*Boston, May 17, 1865.*

*To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese :*

I have to report, among the few public services I have been able to perform during the year, the baptism of 1 infant.

GEORGE C. SHEPARD.

*To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts :*

During the last Conventional year, the undersigned has officiated as follows : In Christ Church, Cambridge, one Sunday ; St. Peter's, Cambridgeport, two ; St. Peter's, Beverly, two ; St. Peter's, Salem, two ; Emmanuel, Somerville, one ; Grace, Malden, one ; Church of the Epiphany, Brighton, one ; St

Assistant to the Rev. William R. Nicholson, D.D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Boston, where I am now officiating.

WM. D'ORVILLE DOTY.

*Boston, May 16th, 1865.*

*To the Bishop of the Diocese :*

During the past year I have been employed as Minister, temporarily assisting at Trinity Church, Boston.

GEORGE L. LOCKE.

*May 17th, 1865.*

*To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese :*

I have been engaged during the past year as Assistant at Christ Church and the Diocesan Seamen's Mission. During this time I have preached, with but a few exceptions, twice each Sunday, and each alternate Friday evening, and have attended Prayer Meetings each Tuesday evening. My week days have been mostly occupied distributing religious reading matter to the Sailors on board their vessels, and visiting among the families attending Christ Church or the Seamen's Mission Chapel.

I have attended three funerals.

WM. WRIGHT.

*To the Bishop of Massachusetts :*

I have been without any regular pastoral charge during the past year ; but, as there have been but few Sundays during the past twelve months on which I have not preached, and aided in supplying Parishes, I trust my humble labors may not have been wholly unblest in the Lord.

N. WATSON MUNROE.

occasions of Holy Communion, in this Diocese. He has officiated and preached fifty-six times, said the burial service three times, and baptized seven, in the Diocese of Rhode Island. He has also officiated and preached sixteen times, and said the burial service twice, in the Diocese of New Hampshire. In all, services and preaching, 112; baptisms, 12; funerals, 7; assisting at the Communion, 6.

GEORGE DENHAM.

*Chelsea, May 16th, 1865.*

*No. 37 Bible House, N. Y., }  
May 25th, 1865. }*

*To the Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D.D., }  
Bishop of Massachusetts :*

I would respectfully report, that during the past Conventional year I have been residing in the City of Brooklyn, and that I am still connected with the *American Quarterly Church Review*.

CHAS. W. HOMER.

*Boston, May 19th, 1865.*

*To the Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D.D., }  
Bishop of Massachusetts :*

The undersigned has officiated as occasion called and opportunity offered for his services. Administered the Communion six times; baptized three infants.

E. B. PALMER.

# Abstract of Parochial Reports. May, 18

| Towns.           | Churches.         | Rectors.             | Baptisms. |         |        | Communi-<br>cants. |                      |                    | Confirmed. | Marriages. | Burials. | Sunday School<br>Scholars. | C<br>P |
|------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-----------|---------|--------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|------------|------------|----------|----------------------------|--------|
|                  |                   |                      | Infants.  | Adults. | Total. | Added.             | Used, or<br>removed. | Present<br>Number. |            |            |          |                            |        |
| Amesbury         | St. James's       | D. G. Ester, D.D.    | 13        | ....    | 18     | 7                  | 6                    | 59                 | ....       | 1          | 13       | 80                         |        |
| Andover          | Christ            | B. B. Babbitt        | 7         | 1       | 8      | 12                 | 8                    | 120                | 8          | 3          | 12       | 100                        |        |
| Ashfield         | St. John's        | L. Greene            | 3         | ....    | 3      | 2                  | 2                    | 28                 | ....       | ....       | 4        | 21                         |        |
| Attleborough     | Grace*            | A. C. Patterson      | ....      | ....    | ....   | ....               | ....                 | 24                 | ....       | ....       | ....     | 120                        |        |
|                  | Trinity           | W. Eastburn, D.D.    | 15        | 1       | 16     | ....               | ....                 | 400                | 11         | 12         | 16       | 150                        |        |
|                  | Christ            | J. T. Burrill        | 30        | 4       | 34     | 16                 | 20                   | 86                 | 6          | 23         | 25       | 130                        |        |
| Boston           | St. Paul's        | W. Wright, D.D.      | 11        | 2       | 13     | ....               | ....                 | 400                | 16         | 9          | 16       | ....                       |        |
|                  | Massiah           | W. R. Nicholson,     | 53        | 18      | 68     | 54                 | ....                 | 349                | 24         | 17         | 29       | 200                        |        |
|                  | Advent            | G. M. Randall, D.D.  | 39        | 14      | 53     | 40                 | 10                   | 556                | 27         | 26         | 54       | 80                         |        |
|                  | St. Mark's        | J. A. Boiles, D.D.   | ....      | ....    | ....   | ....               | ....                 | ....               | ....       | ....       | ....     | ....                       |        |
|                  | Emmanuel          | M. P. Sweeney,       | 16        | 3       | 19     | ....               | ....                 | 290                | 6          | 6          | 16       | 89                         |        |
|                  | St. Stephen's     | C. F. Knight, D.D.   | 25        | 12      | 37     | ....               | ....                 | 450                | 68         | 10         | 15       | 340                        |        |
|                  | St. Mary's        | F. D. Huntington,    | 58        | ....    | 58     | ....               | ....                 | 315                | 11         | 34         | 41       | 270                        |        |
| Bridgewater      | St. Matthew's     | E. M. P. Wells, D.D. | 18        | 3       | 21     | ....               | ....                 | 108                | 10         | 12         | 17       | ....                       |        |
|                  | St. John's        | J. L. Watson, D.D.   | 58        | 1       | 59     | 22                 | 21                   | 168                | 18         | 30         | 37       | 225                        |        |
|                  | Trinity*          | J. I. T. Coolidge    | 24        | 4       | 28     | ....               | ....                 | 130                | 14         | 14         | 25       | 200                        |        |
| Brighton         | Epiphany          | H. McClory           | ....      | ....    | ....   | ....               | ....                 | 50                 | ....       | ....       | ....     | ....                       |        |
| Brookline        | St. Paul's        | W. B. Colburn        | 18        | 4       | 22     | 14                 | 14                   | 50                 | 11         | 1          | 7        | 30                         |        |
| Cambridge        | Christ            | D. O. Haskins        | 8         | 4       | 12     | 31                 | 6                    | 180                | 17         | 4          | 9        | 120                        |        |
|                  | St. Peter's       | F. Wharton           | 30        | 2       | 32     | 88                 | 29                   | 268                | 6          | 4          | 17       | 150                        |        |
| Charlestown      | St. John's        | N. Hopkin, D.D.      | 52        | 7       | 59     | 10                 | ....                 | 80                 | ....       | 3          | 6        | 130                        |        |
| Chelsea          | St. Luke's        | C. Seymour           | 11        | 2       | 13     | ....               | ....                 | 215                | 24         | 14         | 35       | 240                        |        |
| Chicopee         | Grace*            | T. R. Lambert, D.D.  | ....      | ....    | ....   | ....               | ....                 | 30                 | ....       | 7          | 9        | 150                        |        |
| Clappville       | Christ            | P. B. Morgan         | 2         | ....    | 2      | ....               | ....                 | 40                 | ....       | ....       | 4        | 60                         |        |
| Danvers          | Calvary           | G. S. Polne          | 14        | 5       | 19     | 7                  | 5                    | 47                 | 5          | 3          | 11       | 71                         |        |
| Dedham           | St. Paul's        | R. F. Chase          | 12        | 3       | 15     | 17                 | 135                  | ....               | ....       | 4          | 6        | 81                         |        |
| Dorchester       | St. Mary's        | S. B. Babcock        | 11        | 4       | 15     | 20                 | 9                    | 142                | 7          | 1          | 6        | 107                        |        |
|                  | Christ            | W. H. Mills          | 6         | 1       | 7      | ....               | ....                 | 41                 | 6          | 2          | 6        | 56                         |        |
| Fall River       | Ascension         | A. H. Washburn       | 33        | 1       | 34     | 4                  | 100                  | 9                  | 17         | 27         | 175      | ....                       |        |
| Framingham       | St. John's        | A. M. Wylie          | 7         | 10      | 17     | 13                 | 1                    | 96                 | 14         | 8          | 4        | 60                         |        |
| Glooucester      | St. John's*       | W. H. Neilson        | ....      | ....    | ....   | ....               | ....                 | 231                | 8          | ....       | ....     | 401                        |        |
| Great Barrington | St. James's*      | J. R. Peirce         | ....      | ....    | ....   | ....               | ....                 | 1001               | ....       | ....       | ....     | 1301                       |        |
| Greenfield       | St. James's       | Vacant               | 11        | 2       | 13     | 6                  | 5                    | 130                | 5          | 9          | 15       | 80                         |        |
| Hanover          | St. Andrew's      | P. V. Finch          | 1         | 2       | 3      | 4                  | 6                    | 101                | 4          | 2          | 11       | 54                         |        |
| Haverhill        | Trinity (deemer   | S. Cutler            | 10        | 5       | 15     | 8                  | 4                    | 80                 | 8          | 4          | 7        | 70                         |        |
| Holliston        | Church of our Re- | C. H. Seymour        | 18        | 17      | 35     | ....               | ....                 | 6                  | 33         | 18         | 3        | 50                         |        |
| Holyoke          | St. Paul's        | B. F. Cooley         | 16        | 5       | 21     | ....               | ....                 | 12                 | 34         | 15         | 10       | 80                         |        |
| Hopkinton        | St. Paul's*       | O. H. Dutton         | ....      | ....    | ....   | ....               | ....                 | 30                 | ....       | ....       | ....     | 30                         |        |
| Lanesborough     | St. Luke's        | A. L. Baur           | ....      | ....    | ....   | ....               | ....                 | 70                 | ....       | 5          | 10       | 60                         |        |
| Lawrence         | Grace             | Vacant               | 48        | 1       | 49     | 21                 | 11                   | 165                | 18         | 22         | 33       | 355                        |        |
| Lee              | St. George's      | G. Packard           | 1         | 2       | 3      | 9                  | 5                    | 45                 | 2          | 1          | 4        | 43                         |        |
| Lenox            | Trinity           | G. M. Murray         | 1         | ....    | 1      | 4                  | 2                    | 44                 | ....       | ....       | ....     | ....                       |        |
| Lowell           | St. Anne's        | J. Field             | 75        | 18      | 93     | 48                 | 50                   | 468                | 54         | 24         | 57       | 220                        |        |
|                  | St. John's        | C. Edson, D.D.       | 19        | 2       | 21     | 24                 | 21                   | 123                | 20         | 9          | 17       | 155                        |        |
| Lynn             | St. Stephen's     | C. B. Smith          | 21        | 2       | 23     | ....               | ....                 | 100                | 8          | 5          | 10       | 100                        |        |
| Malden           | Grace             | G. M. Bradley        | 15        | 2       | 17     | 19                 | 4                    | 34                 | 9          | 1          | 5        | 60                         |        |
| Marlborough      | St. Michael's     | C. I. Chapin         | 6         | 1       | 7      | ....               | ....                 | 9                  | 65         | 2          | 3        | 105                        |        |
| Melrose          | Grace             | E. B. Chase          | ....      | 1       | 1      | 2                  | ....                 | 58                 | 7          | ....       | 2        | 46                         |        |
| Middlebury       | Trinity           | C. H. Learoyd        | 6         | ....    | 6      | 8                  | 3                    | 46                 | 5          | 1          | 9        | 58                         |        |
| Millsville       | St. John's        | J. B. Richmond       | 9         | 1       | 10     | 24                 | 14                   | 94                 | 10         | 4          | 10       | 87                         |        |
| Nantucket        | St. Paul's*       | G. Rumney            | ....      | ....    | ....   | ....               | ....                 | 251                | ....       | ....       | ....     | 401                        |        |
| New Bedford      | Grace             | J. Mulchahey         | 26        | 7       | 33     | 28                 | 17                   | 197                | 16         | 5          | 13       | 140                        |        |
| New Boston       | St. Andrew's      | Vacant               | ....      | ....    | ....   | ....               | ....                 | 121                | ....       | ....       | ....     | 301                        |        |
| Newburyport      | St. Paul's        | J. C. White          | 16        | ....    | 16     | ....               | ....                 | 160                | 5          | 2          | 15       | 123                        |        |
| Newton           | St. Mary's        | P. Kidder            | 13        | 4       | 17     | 12                 | 2                    | 180                | 6          | 3          | 10       | 150                        |        |
|                  | Grace             | J. H. Steen-trm      | 17        | 2       | 19     | 18                 | 17                   | 81                 | 4          | 3          | 5        | 84                         |        |
| North Adams      | St. John's        | R. Weeks             | 10        | 1       | 11     | 9                  | ....                 | 77                 | 2          | 2          | 8        | 120                        |        |
| Northampton      | St. John's*       | E. D. Tomkins        | ....      | ....    | ....   | ....               | ....                 | 181                | ....       | ....       | ....     | 401                        |        |
| Otis             | St. Paul's        | Vacant               | ....      | ....    | ....   | ....               | ....                 | ....               | ....       | ....       | ....     | 251                        |        |
| Oxford           | Grace             | W. F. Lloyd          | 3         | ....    | 3      | ....               | ....                 | 8                  | ....       | 3          | 6        | 40                         |        |
| Pittsfield       | St. Stephen's     | E. L. Wells          | ....      | ....    | ....   | ....               | ....                 | 129                | 1          | ....       | ....     | ....                       |        |
| Plymouth         | Christ            | W. H. Brooks, D.D.   | 6         | 1       | 7      | 4                  | ....                 | 32                 | 1          | 4          | 5        | 65                         |        |
| Quincy           | Christ            | H. Burroughs         | 21        | ....    | 21     | 7                  | 5                    | 60                 | 6          | 4          | 3        | 50                         |        |
| Roxbury          | St. James's       | G. S. Converse       | 50        | 8       | 58     | 51                 | 15                   | 282                | 40         | 13         | 25       | 373                        |        |
| Salem            | St. Peter's       | W. R. Pickman        | 7         | 2       | 9      | ....               | ....                 | 200                | 18         | ....       | ....     | 160                        |        |
|                  | Grace             | G. D. Wildes         | 13        | 4       | 17     | 6                  | 6                    | 108                | 10         | 3          | 16       | 105                        |        |
| Somerville       | Emmanuel          | R. H. Harlow         | 8         | 6       | 14     | ....               | ....                 | 48                 | ....       | ....       | ....     | 60                         |        |
| Southborough     | St. Mark's        | Vacant               | 6         | ....    | 6      | 10                 | 6                    | 16                 | 3          | ....       | 2        | ....                       |        |
| Springfield      | Christ            | G. H. McKnight       | 20        | ....    | 20     | 21                 | ....                 | 230                | 19         | 23         | 17       | ....                       |        |
| Stockbridge      | St. Paul's        | H. F. Allen          | 3         | ....    | 3      | 4                  | ....                 | 60                 | 1          | 3          | 6        | 88                         |        |
| Swansea          | Christ            | A. M. Wylie          | ....      | ....    | ....   | ....               | ....                 | 6                  | ....       | ....       | ....     | 36                         |        |
| Taunton          | St. Thomas's      | R. C. Rogers         | 25        | ....    | 25     | 9                  | 23                   | 229                | 1          | 5          | 22       | 300                        |        |
| Van Deusenville  | Trinity           | J. A. Penniman       | 4         | 2       | 6      | ....               | ....                 | 41                 | ....       | 9          | 9        | 40                         |        |
| Waltham          | Christ            | T. F. Fales          | 11        | ....    | 11     | 16                 | 4                    | 115                | 10         | 3          | 10       | 70                         |        |
| West Roxbury     | St. John's        | W. R. Babcock        | 12        | 1       | 13     | 8                  | 13                   | 150                | ....       | 3          | 12       | 100                        |        |
| Wilkinsonville   | St. John's        | S. S. Spear          | 2         | 2       | 4      | 8                  | 5                    | 41                 | 3          | 2          | 13       | 80                         |        |
| Wood's Hole      | Massiah*          | J. West              | ....      | ....    | ....   | ....               | ....                 | 161                | ....       | ....       | ....     | ....                       |        |
| Worcester        | All Saints'       | W. R. Huntington     | 15        | 4       | 19     | 16                 | 6                    | 169                | 12         | 7          | 13       | 140                        |        |
|                  |                   |                      | 1133      | 208     | 1339   | 717                | 424                  | 5619               | 684        | 480        | 891      | 7794                       | 34     |

\* No Report.

† Number last reported.

Dr.

CLERICAL FUND ASSOCIATION in account with J. W. CLARK, Treasurer.

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|        |                                                             |         |      |         |                                                                                                                |         |
|--------|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------|------|---------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| 1864   | Balance due Treasurer, as per last report,                  | \$10 40 | 1864 | Aug. 27 | Received accrued interest on \$1000 7 8-10 Bond, exchanged for \$1000 U. S. Bond, 6 per cent., 1881, say gold, | \$26 34 |
| June 1 | \$150 7 8-10 U. S. Treasury note, bought par, and interest, | 150 90  |      |         | Premium,                                                                                                       | 44 09   |
| 1865   |                                                             |         |      |         |                                                                                                                | \$70 43 |
| May 8  | \$200 7 8-10 U. S. notes, bought at 99½, and interest,      | 197 78  |      | Sep. 10 | Cash from an unknown friend, by Rev. Mr. Clinch,                                                               | 100 00  |
|        | Balance carried down,                                       | 3 97    |      | Dec. 14 | Interest on \$1000 U. S. Bonds, due January 1, 1865,                                                           | \$80 00 |
|        |                                                             |         |      |         | Gold premium,                                                                                                  | 40 20   |
|        |                                                             |         |      | 1865    |                                                                                                                | 70 20   |
|        |                                                             |         |      | Jan. 6  | Received from Christ Church, Swansea,                                                                          | 2 00    |
|        |                                                             |         |      |         | Received from Ascension Church and Sunday School, Fall River,                                                  | 8 50    |
|        |                                                             |         |      | " 10    | Received from Christ Church, Plymouth,                                                                         | 4 25    |
|        |                                                             |         |      | Apr. 29 | Received from St. Paul's, Boston,                                                                              | 100 00  |
|        |                                                             |         |      | May 1   | Received interest Feb., 1865, on \$150 7 8-10 notes,                                                           | 5 47    |
|        |                                                             |         |      |         | Received interest May, \$50 5-20 Bond, and gold premium on same,                                               | 2 15    |
|        |                                                             |         |      |         |                                                                                                                | \$83 00 |
|        |                                                             |         |      | 1865    |                                                                                                                | \$83 00 |
|        |                                                             |         |      | May 16  | Balance in hand,                                                                                               | \$8 97  |

The invested fund of the Association at this date is as follows:—\$1000 U. S. 6 per cent. Bond, 1881; \$850 U. S. 7 8-10 Treasury notes; \$50 U. S. 5-20 Bond. Total, \$1400.

The invested fund of the Association at this date is as follows:—\$1000 U. S. 6 per cent. Bond, 1881; \$350 U. S. 7 8-10 Treasury notes; \$50 U. S. 5-20 Bond. Total, \$1400.

BOSTON, May 16, 1865.

(E. E.)

J. W. CLARK, Treasurer.



## Appendix.

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in account with ALFRED L. BAURY, Treasurer.

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|          |                                                                                            | Charity<br>Fund. | Annuity<br>Fund. |
|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1864.    |                                                                                            |                  |                  |
| May 18   | By amount on hand from old account, - - - - -                                              | \$220 16         | \$124 20         |
|          | " of Collection at Convention, - - - - -                                                   | 63 00            |                  |
|          | " from St. John's, Jamaica Plain, subscription Rev. W. R. Babcock, - - - - -               |                  | 25 00            |
| July 26  | " from St. James's, Roxbury, G. S. Converse, Rector, - - - - -                             | 12 98            |                  |
| Aug. 12  | " from St. Mary's, Dorchester, \$29.32, Charity fund, - - - - -                            | 29 32            |                  |
|          | " \$25, subscription of Rev. W. H. Mills, - - - - -                                        |                  | 25 00            |
| Sept. 15 | " from St. Thomas's, Taunton, sub. of Rev. B. C. Rogers, - - - - -                         |                  | 25 00            |
| 1865.    |                                                                                            |                  |                  |
| Jan. 16  | " from Ascension Church, Fall River, - - - - -                                             | 8 50             |                  |
|          | " from Christ Church, Swansea, - - - - -                                                   | 2 00             |                  |
| 23       | " Legacy from late C. T. Gomer of Newburyport, \$50 - - - - -                              | \$50             |                  |
|          | " Added by the Executor, E. S. Rand, Esq., - - - - -                                       | 6                |                  |
|          |                                                                                            | 56 00            |                  |
| Feb. 21  | " Recovered in suit in Michigan, being a legacy from Dr. B. Ticknor of Michigan, - - - - - | 1262 39          |                  |
| April    | " Subscription of Rev. R. J. Parvin, - - - - -                                             |                  | 10 00            |
|          | " St. Peter's, Salem, sub. of Rev. W. R. Pickman, - - - - -                                |                  | 25 00            |
| 2        | " St. John's, Charlestown, \$6, Charity fund, - - - - -                                    | 6 00             |                  |
|          | " \$25, subscription of Rev. Dr. Lambert, - - - - -                                        |                  | 25 00            |
| 4        | " Grace Church, Lawrence, sub. of Rev. Dr. Packard, - - - - -                              |                  | 25 00            |
|          | " Calvary Church, Danvers, Rev. R. F. Chase, - - - - -                                     | 3 26             |                  |
|          | " St. Anne's, Lowell, \$5, Charity fund, - - - - -                                         | 5 00             |                  |
|          | " \$25, subscription of Rev. Dr. Edison, - - - - -                                         |                  | 25 00            |
|          | " Grace Church, Newton Corner, Rev. P. H. Steensma, - - - - -                              | 15 83            |                  |
| 9        | " St. James's, Greenfield, Rev. A. V. Finch, - - - - -                                     | 20 00            |                  |
| 17       | " St. Paul's, Brookline, Rev. F. Wharton, - - - - -                                        | 25 00            |                  |
| 21       | " Christ Church, Andover, \$30, Charity Fund, - - - - -                                    | 30 00            |                  |
|          | " \$20, subscription of Rev. B. B. Babbitt, - - - - -                                      |                  | 20 00            |
| 21       | " St. Matthew's, South Boston, sub. Rev. Mr. Coolidge, - - - - -                           |                  | 15 00            |
| 28       | " Church of the Messiah, subscription Rev. Dr. Randall, - - - - -                          |                  | 25 00            |
|          | " Christ Church, Quincy, \$10, Charity Fund, - - - - -                                     | 10 00            |                  |
|          | " \$5, subscription Rev. H. Burroughs, Jr., - - - - -                                      |                  | 5 00             |
|          | " St. Paul's, Boston, \$75, Charity Fund, - - - - -                                        | 75 00            |                  |
|          | " \$25, subscription Rev. Dr. Nicholson, - - - - -                                         |                  | 25 00            |
| May 5    | " St. John's, Jamaica Plain, sub. Rev. W. R. Babcock, - - - - -                            |                  | 25 00            |
|          | " Christ Church, Waltham, sub. Rev. T. F. Fales, - - - - -                                 |                  | 25 00            |
| 11       | " Christ Church, Springfield, Rev. G. H. McKnight, - - - - -                               | 10 00            |                  |
| 15       | " Church of the Advent, Boston, Charity Fund, - - - - -                                    | 52 00            |                  |
|          | " Subscription of Rev. Dr. Bolles, - - - - -                                               |                  | 25 00            |
|          | " Subscription of Rev. M. P. Stickney, - - - - -                                           |                  | 10 00            |
|          | By amount received for interest on invested capital, - - - - -                             | 367 87           | 1861 33          |
|          |                                                                                            | \$2279 26        | \$2345 53        |

Boston, May 16, 1865.

(Errors excepted.)

ALFRED L. BAURY, Treasurer.

(See next page.)

**Society for the Relief of Widows  
of Deceased Clergymen of the  
Episcopal Church of the United States**

Agreeably to a Resolution of the Board of this Diocese, the undersigned respectfully submit the following abstract, or summary, for publication, as Treasurer of the above-named Society, for the year last past :

There have been received by him during the year last past, on behalf of the Society, from all sources, the sum of *hundred and twenty-four dollars seven cents*. Of this sum, *eighty-five dollars* has been invested in Government securities, and the balance of *thirty-nine dollars and seven cents* is on hand, deposited in the name of the Society in the Market Bank of the City of Boston.

This amount, whether invested or not, has all been derived from the following sources :—*Twenty-five dollars* from the sale of Stock, interest on U. S. Securities, collected from the Lowell Falls Manufacturing Co., and Legacies.

The interest on four Policies of the New England Life Insurance Company is annually added to this capital ; consequently the balance of the Treasurer's account current with the Company is *thirty-nine dollars and seven cents*.

The National Bank of North America made no cash dividend in April ; but, in consequence of that Institution, increased their capital, the Orphan Society became entitled to a dividend of *hundred and twenty-five dollars*, to which was added an equivalent to a cash dividend of more than *thirty dollars*.

The Granite or National Bank, in consequence of their April dividends as usual, beside their stock, one new share and one dollar of the latter was sold by the Treasurer, and the proceeds passed to the credit of the Society.

The invested Charity Fund of the Society now amounts to six thousand six hundred and ninety-one dollars eighty-nine cents; Annuity Contract Relief Fund to nineteen thousand seven hundred and six dollars nine cents.

The amount paid in charity during the past year is sixty dollars. There has been no disbursement (happily) from the Contract Relief Fund.

The capital of the Society is respectable in amount, and its funds well and profitably invested, while the liabilities of the Society are great, and call for the liberal and continual contribution of all men, and especially of those whose constant prayer is that God would "provide for the fatherless children and widows."

The undersigned, at the annual meeting of the Society on Tuesday last, declined being considered a candidate for re-election to the office of Treasurer; whereupon, the following Resolutions were passed:

*Resolved*, That in accepting the resignation of the Rev. Alfred L. Baury, who for fourteen years has been the Treasurer of this Corporation, this Society desire to place upon their records an expression of their high appreciation of the very valuable services which he has rendered to this Society during the period in which he has held the office, which he is compelled to resign in consequence of declining health.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Society be tendered to our late Treasurer, for his long, faithful, and gratuitous labors in its behalf; for the correctness and care with which he has managed its financial affairs; for his successful efforts in the work of increasing its funds and extending its benefits; and that a copy of this Resolution be communicated to him by the Secretary.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ALFRED L. BAURY, *Treasurer*.

Diocese of Massachusetts, City of Boston, }

May 16th, A. D. 1865. }

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|        |                                    |
|--------|------------------------------------|
| 1864.  |                                    |
| May 20 | Rev. Samuel B. Shaw, (travel,)...  |
|        | Dillon, .....                      |
|        | Treasurer, .....                   |
|        | Secretary, .....                   |
|        | Printing Journal, .....            |
|        | Rev. Dr. Randall, per order, ..... |
|        | Envelopes, Stationery, and Postage |
|        | Cash on hand, May 17, 1865, ....   |

(E. E.)

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We certify that we have examined charged in this account, and found t vouched.

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in account with S. B. BABCOCK, Treasurer.

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|         |                   |   |   |   |          |         |                       |   |   |   |          |
|---------|-------------------|---|---|---|----------|---------|-----------------------|---|---|---|----------|
| 1864.   | Cash on hand      | - | - | - | \$332 72 | 1864.   | Lanesborough,         | - | - | - | \$ 6     |
| May 18. | Andover,          | - | - | - | 8        | May 20. | Lawrence,             | - | - | - | 12       |
|         | Ashfield,         | - | - | - | 2        |         | Lowell,               | - | - | - | 14       |
|         | Advent, Boston    | - | - | - | 25       |         | "                     | - | - | - | 10       |
|         | Emmanuel,         | - | - | - | 60       |         | Marblehead,           | - | - | - | 8        |
|         | Grace,            | - | - | - | 10       |         | Millville,            | - | - | - | 7        |
|         | Messiah,          | - | - | - | 25       |         | New Bedford,          | - | - | - | 15       |
|         | St. Mark's,       | - | - | - | 15       |         | Newburyport,          | - | - | - | 10       |
|         | St. Matthew's,    | - | - | - | 18       |         | Newton,               | - | - | - | 7 50     |
|         | St. Paul's,       | - | - | - | 50       |         | "                     | - | - | - | 8        |
|         | Trinity,          | - | - | - | 30       |         | Plymouth,             | - | - | - | 1 25     |
|         | Brookline,        | - | - | - | 20       |         | Quincy,               | - | - | - | 6        |
|         | Cambridge,        | - | - | - | 12       |         | Roxbury, St. James's- | - | - | - | 23       |
|         | Charlestown,      | - | - | - | 15       |         | Salem,                | - | - | - | 15       |
|         | Clappville,       | - | - | - | 6        |         | "                     | - | - | - | 15       |
|         | Dedham,           | - | - | - | 15       |         | Southborough,         | - | - | - | 6        |
|         | Dorchester,       | - | - | - | 18       |         | Stockbridge,          | - | - | - | 6        |
|         | "                 | - | - | - | 3        |         | Swansea,              | - | - | - | 3 50     |
|         | Fall River,       | - | - | - | 8        |         | Taunton,              | - | - | - | 15       |
|         | Framingham,       | - | - | - | 7        |         | Waltham,              | - | - | - | 7        |
|         | Great Barrington, | - | - | - | 10       |         | Wilkinsonville,       | - | - | - | 4        |
|         | Greenfield,       | - | - | - | 8        |         | Worcester,            | - | - | - | 16       |
|         | Hanover,          | - | - | - | 8        |         | Vandensenville,       | - | - | - | 5        |
|         | Haverhill,        | - | - | - | 20       |         |                       |   |   |   |          |
|         | Jamaica Plain,    | - | - | - | 20       |         |                       |   |   |   | \$965 97 |

Dr. BOARD OF MISSIONS TO SEAMEN *in account with* GEORGE A. BROWN, *Treasurer.* Cr.

| 1865.   |                                             | 1865.     |                                                |
|---------|---------------------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------------------|
| May 17. | To amount paid expenses, Mission, . . . . . | \$1978 27 | By Sundry donations and collections, . . . . . |
|         | " Balance to new account . . . . .          | 54 80     |                                                |
|         |                                             |           |                                                |
|         |                                             | \$2033 07 | \$2033 07                                      |

Boston, May 17, 1865. (E. E.) GEORGE A. BROWN,  
*Treasurer Board of Missions to Seamen.*

DR. MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF MISSIONS, *in account with* JAMES B. DOW, *Treasurer.* CR.

| 1895.                                                                                    |           | 1896.                                                                                      |           |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| By Cash paid, as per appropriations of the Board, from April 1, 1894, to April 1, 1895:— |           | By Cash balance from old account.....                                                      | \$668.09  |
| Rev. G. D. Heakins Church of the Epiphany, Brighton,                                     | \$400.00  | By Cash received, subject to the appropriation of the Board.....                           | \$941.07  |
| Rev. S. P. Perkins, Southbridge.....                                                     | 200.00    | By Cash appropriated by Donor.....                                                         | 50.00     |
| Rev. J. A. Penman, Trinity, Yandassamville.....                                          | 150.00    | By Cash, Rev. B. B. Babblitt, Treasurer of the Eastern District Association.....           | 708.11    |
| Rev. Joshua R. Pelton, St. John's, Gloucester.....                                       | 400.00    | By Cash, Rev. George M. Randall, D.D., Treasurer of the Southern District Association..... | 917.08    |
| Rev. B. J. Ooolley, Church of the Redeemer, Holliston,                                   | 300.00    |                                                                                            |           |
| Rev. James B. Richmond, Trinity, Melrose.....                                            | 250.00    |                                                                                            |           |
| Rev. R. J. Chase, Calvary, Duxbury.....                                                  | 200.00    |                                                                                            |           |
| Rev. W. H. Brooks, D.D., Christ Church, Plymouth.....                                    | 200.00    |                                                                                            |           |
| Rev. Robert Wells, St. John's, North Adams.....                                          | 125.00    |                                                                                            |           |
| Rev. A. M. Wyles, Ascension, Fall River.....                                             | 400.00    |                                                                                            |           |
| Rev. Andrew Knicker, Westfield.....                                                      | 75.00     |                                                                                            |           |
| Rev. Lewis Green, St. John's, Abfield.....                                               | 150.00    |                                                                                            |           |
| Rev. C. Ingles Chapin, Green, Malden.....                                                | 100.00    |                                                                                            |           |
| Rev. N. G. Allen, Christ Church, Wrentham.....                                           |           |                                                                                            |           |
| Rev. B. B. Babblitt, Treasurer Eastern District Association.....                         | \$206.67  |                                                                                            |           |
| Rev. G. M. Randall, D.D., Treasurer Southern District Association.....                   | 708.11    |                                                                                            |           |
| Appropriation by Donor.....                                                              | 917.63    |                                                                                            |           |
| Incidental Expenses, Secretary and Treasurer.....                                        | 50.00     |                                                                                            |           |
|                                                                                          | 22.49     |                                                                                            |           |
| Balance carried forward.....                                                             | 204.00    |                                                                                            |           |
|                                                                                          |           |                                                                                            |           |
|                                                                                          | \$6162.90 |                                                                                            | \$6162.90 |

**Boston, May 19, 1865.**

**JAMIES B. DOW, Treasurer.**

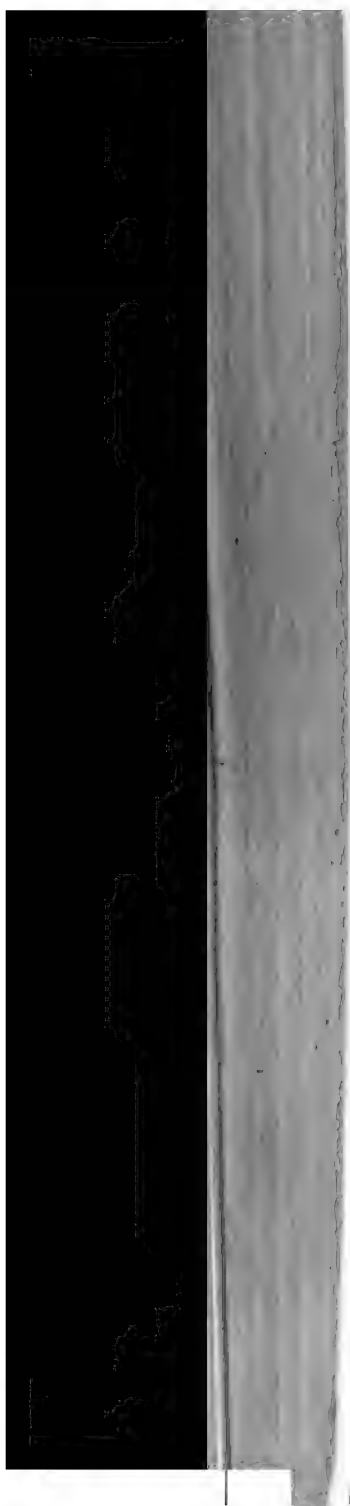
# MISSIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED BY THE TREASURER.

| Name of Town.              | Name of Church           | Dioees.<br>Board. | Dom.<br>Board. | For.<br>Board. | Special<br>objects | Total    |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|----------|
| Bal. from last yr's act..  |                          | \$552 00          |                |                |                    | 535 00   |
| Andover .....              | Christ Church .....      | 137 50            | 50 00          | 50 00          |                    | 237 50   |
| Amesbury .....             | St. James's .....        |                   |                |                |                    |          |
| Ashfield .....             | St. John's .....         | 18 66             |                | 12 00          |                    | 30 66    |
| Blandford .....            | St. Mark's .....         |                   |                |                |                    |          |
| Boston .....               | Advent .....             | 300 00            |                |                |                    | 300 00   |
| " .....                    | Christ Church .....      |                   |                |                |                    |          |
| " .....                    | Emmanuel .....           | 785 00            |                | 558 00         |                    | 1343 00  |
| " .....                    | Messiah .....            | 125 00            | 100 00         | 50 00          |                    | 275 00   |
| " .....                    | St. Paul's .....         | 250 00            | 1802 20        | 1406 18        | 8678 80            | 12333 18 |
| " .....                    | St. John's .....         |                   |                |                |                    |          |
| " .....                    | St. Matthew's .....      | 45 00             |                |                |                    | 45 00    |
| " .....                    | St. Stephen's .....      | 75 00             |                |                |                    | 75 00    |
| " .....                    | St. Mark's .....         |                   |                |                |                    |          |
| " .....                    | Trinity .....            | 75 80             |                |                |                    | 75 80    |
| Bridgewater .....          | Trinity .....            |                   |                |                |                    |          |
| Brookline .....            | St. Paul's .....         | 100 00            |                |                |                    | 100 00   |
| Brighton .....             | Epiphany .....           | 20 00             |                |                |                    | 20 00    |
| Chilcopee .....            | Grace .....              |                   |                |                |                    |          |
| Cambridge .....            | Christ Church .....      | 119 50            | 115 00         | 40 00          | 72 87              | 346 87   |
| Cambridgeport .....        | St. Peter's .....        |                   |                |                |                    |          |
| Charlestown .....          | St. John's .....         | 90 82             |                |                | 251 66             | 332 01   |
| Chelsea .....              | St. Luke's .....         | 11 60             |                |                |                    | 11 60    |
| Clappville .....           | Christ Church .....      |                   |                |                |                    |          |
| Dedham .....               | St. Paul's .....         | 167 15            |                |                |                    | 167 15   |
| Danvers .....              | Calvary .....            |                   |                |                |                    |          |
| Dorchester .....           | St. Mary's .....         | 430 27            |                |                |                    | 430 27   |
| Fall River .....           | Ascension .....          |                   |                |                |                    |          |
| Framingham .....           | St. John's .....         |                   |                |                |                    |          |
| Great Barrington .....     | St. James's .....        | 114 12            |                |                |                    | 114 12   |
| Greenfield .....           | St. James's .....        | 50 50             |                |                |                    | 50 50    |
| Gloucester .....           | St. John's .....         | 18 00             |                |                |                    | 18 00    |
| Holyoke .....              | St. Paul's .....         |                   |                |                |                    |          |
| Hyde Park .....            | Christ .....             | 20 00             |                |                |                    | 20 00    |
| Holliston .....            | Church of Redeemer ..... | 8 45              |                |                |                    | 8 45     |
| Hanover .....              | St. Andrew's .....       |                   |                |                |                    |          |
| Haverhill .....            | Trinity .....            | 15 00             |                |                |                    | 15 00    |
| Hopkinton .....            | St. Paul's .....         |                   |                |                |                    |          |
| Jamaica Plain .....        | St. John's .....         | 15 00             |                |                | 20 00              | 35 00    |
| Lanesboro' .....           | St. Luke's .....         | 10 00             |                |                |                    | 10 00    |
| Lenox .....                | Trinity .....            |                   |                |                |                    |          |
| Lowell .....               | St. Anne's .....         | 425 00            |                |                |                    | 425 00   |
| Lynn .....                 | St. Stephen's .....      |                   |                |                |                    |          |
| Marblehead .....           | St. Michael's .....      | 27 85             |                |                |                    | 27 85    |
| Medford .....              | Grace .....              | 40 00             |                |                |                    | 40 00    |
| Malden .....               | Grace .....              |                   |                |                |                    |          |
| Millville .....            | St. John's .....         | 7 20              |                |                |                    | 7 20     |
| Melrose .....              | Trinity .....            | 10 00             |                |                |                    | 10 00    |
| Nantucket .....            | St. Paul's .....         |                   |                |                |                    |          |
| New Bedford .....          | Grace .....              | 35 50             |                |                |                    | 35 50    |
| Newburyport .....          | St. Paul's .....         |                   |                |                |                    |          |
| New Boston .....           | St. Andrew's .....       |                   |                |                |                    |          |
| Newton Lower Falls .....   | St. Mary's .....         |                   |                |                |                    |          |
| Northampton .....          | St. John's .....         |                   |                |                |                    |          |
| Newton Corner .....        | Grace .....              |                   |                |                |                    |          |
| North Adams .....          | St. John's .....         | 67 42             |                |                |                    | 67 42    |
| Otis .....                 | St. Paul's .....         |                   |                |                |                    |          |
| Plymouth .....             | Christ Church .....      | 4 77              |                |                |                    | 4 77     |
| Pittsfield .....           | St. Stephen's .....      |                   |                |                |                    |          |
| Quincy .....               | Christ Church .....      | 27 40             |                |                |                    | 27 40    |
| Roxbury .....              | St. James's .....        | 150 00            |                |                |                    | 150 00   |
| Salem .....                | St. Peter's .....        | 223 34            |                |                |                    | 223 34   |
| " .....                    | Grace .....              |                   |                |                |                    |          |
| Springfield .....          | Christ Church .....      | 78 74             |                |                |                    | 78 74    |
| Stockbridge .....          | Christ Church .....      | 83 77             |                |                |                    | 83 77    |
| Swansea .....              | Christ Church .....      | 10 00             |                |                |                    | 10 00    |
| Southboro' .....           | St. Mark's .....         |                   |                |                |                    |          |
| Taunton .....              | St. Thomas's .....       | 142 63            |                |                |                    | 142 63   |
| Vandeuenville .....        | Trinity .....            | 82 88             |                |                |                    | 82 88    |
| Waltham .....              | Christ .....             | 108 00            |                |                |                    | 108 00   |
| Wilkinsonville .....       | St. John's .....         |                   |                |                |                    |          |
| Wood's Hole .....          | Messiah .....            |                   |                |                |                    |          |
| Worcester .....            | All Saints' .....        |                   |                |                |                    |          |
| Individual donations ..... |                          | 155 00            | 15 00          | 15 00          |                    | 185 00   |
|                            |                          | 5163 90           | 1682 20        | 2117 18        | 10217 86           | 27280 94 |



**Amounts assessed to, and Contributed by, different Parishes for Episcopal Fund, as follows : (See p. 55.)**

|                               | Whole amount :<br>being<br>Salary of Rector. | Amount<br>paid. | Balance<br>due. |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Amesbury—St. James's,         |                                              |                 |                 |
| Andover—Christ,               | \$800                                        | 554             | 246             |
| Ashfield—St. John's,          | 200                                          |                 | 200             |
| Boston—Trinity,               | 8000                                         | 8700            | None.           |
| Boston—Christ,                | 1000                                         |                 | 1000            |
| Boston—St. Paul's,            | 5000                                         | 2400            | 2600            |
| Boston—Grace,                 |                                              | 997 10          | None.           |
| Boston—Church of the Messiah, | 2000                                         |                 | 2000            |
| Boston—Advent,                | 2500                                         | 1869 04         | 680 94          |
| Boston—St. Mark's,            | 1500                                         |                 | 1500            |
| Boston—Emmanuel,              | 5000                                         | 3500            | 1500            |
| Boston—St. Mary's,            |                                              |                 |                 |
| South Boston—St. Matthew's,   | 2000                                         | 50              | 1950            |
| East Boston—St. John's,       |                                              |                 |                 |
| Bridgewater—Trinity,          |                                              |                 |                 |
| Brookline—St. Paul's,         | 2000                                         | 1000            | 1000            |
| Cambridge—Christ,             | 1200                                         | 50              | 1150            |
| Cambridge—St. Peter's,        | 277                                          | 277             | None.           |
| Charlestown—St. John's,       | 1500                                         | 250             | 1250            |
| Chelsea—St. Luke's,           |                                              |                 |                 |
| Chelsea—St. Andrew's,         |                                              |                 |                 |
| Chillicothe—Grace,            |                                              |                 |                 |
| Clappville—Christ,            | 277                                          | 277 00          | None.           |
| Danvers—Calvary,              |                                              | 3 76            |                 |
| Dedham—St. Paul's,            | 1500                                         | 800             | 1200            |
| Dorchester—St. Mary's,        | 1800                                         |                 | 1800            |
| Dorchester—Christ,            | 400                                          |                 | 400             |
| Fall River—Ascension,         | 1000                                         |                 | 1000            |
| Framingham—St. John's,        | 800                                          |                 | 800             |
| Great Barrington—St. James's, | 1800                                         |                 | 1800            |
| Greenfield—St. James's,       | 800                                          | 12 22           | 787 78          |
| Hanover—St. Andrew's,         | 800                                          | 400             | 400             |
| Haverhill—Trinity,            |                                              |                 |                 |
| Hopkington—St. Paul's,        |                                              |                 |                 |
| Lanesborough—St. Luke's,      | 800                                          |                 | 800             |
| Lawrence—Grace,               | 1200                                         |                 | 1200            |
| Lee—St. George's,             | 700                                          |                 | 700             |
| Lenox—Trinity,                | 800                                          |                 | 800             |
| Lowell—St. Anne's,            | 1400                                         | 7 56            | 1392 46         |
| Lowell—St. John's,            | 1000                                         | 22              | 978             |
| Lynn—St. Stephen's,           | 800                                          |                 | 800             |
| Malden—Grace,                 |                                              |                 |                 |
| Marblehead—St. Michael's,     | 800                                          | 108 42          | 696 58          |
| Nedford—Grace,                | 900                                          |                 | 900             |
| Melrose—Trinity,              |                                              | 6 00            |                 |
| Milville—St. John's,          | 700                                          | 12 08           | 686 92          |
| Nantucket—St. Paul's,         |                                              |                 |                 |
| New Bedford—Grace,            | 1000                                         | 37 50           | 962 50          |
| New Boston—St. Andrew's,      |                                              |                 |                 |
| Newburyport—St. Paul's,       | 1000                                         |                 | 1000            |
| Newton—St. Mary's,            | 800                                          | 20 45           | 779 55          |
| Newton—Grace,                 | 900                                          | 270             | 630             |
| North Adams—St. John's,       | 800                                          | 100             | 700             |
| Northampton—St. John's,       | 1200                                         |                 | 1200            |
| Otis—St. Paul's,              |                                              |                 |                 |
| Pittsfield—St. Stephen's,     |                                              | 3 25            |                 |
| Plymouth—Christ,              | 125                                          | 4 50            | 120 50          |
| Quincy—Christ,                | 800                                          |                 | 800             |
| Roxbury—St. James's,          | 2500                                         | 95              | 2405            |
| Roxbury—St. John's,           | 2000                                         |                 | 2000            |
| Salem—St. Peter's,            | 1500                                         | 20 75           | 1479 25         |
| Salem—Grace,                  | 1500                                         |                 | 1500            |
| Southborough—St. Mark's,      | 800                                          |                 | 800             |
| Springfield—Christ,           | 1800                                         | 102 50          | 1697 50         |
| Stockbridge—St. Paul's,       |                                              |                 |                 |
| Swansea—Christ,               | 350                                          |                 | 350             |
| Taunton—St. Thomas's,         | 1000                                         |                 | 1000            |
| Van Deusenville—Trinity,      | 800                                          |                 | 800             |
| Waltham—Christ,               | 800                                          | 20 00           | 780             |
| Wilkinsonville—St. John's,    | 500                                          | 3 65            | 496 35          |
| Wood's Hole—Messiah,          | 200                                          | 200             | None.           |
| Worcester—All Saints,         | 1800                                         | 100             | 1500            |



**Constitution**  
OF THE  
**PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
IN THE  
**DIOCESE OF MASSACHUSETTS,**  
AS AMENDED  
IN CONVENTION, JUNE, 1841, 1846, MAY, 1852, JANUARY, 1856,  
AND MAY, 1859.

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**ARTICLE I.**

THIS Church, as a constituent part of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, accedes to the General Constitution of that Church, and acknowledges its authority.

**ARTICLE II.**

There shall be a stated Convention of the Church in this Diocese, at Boston, on the second Wednesday in June, in every year, unless a different time and place be fixed on by a preceding Convention. Special meetings of the Convention shall be called by the Bishop, when, in his judgment, the good of the Church may require it, or when the Standing Committee shall request it. And when the Episcopal Chair is vacant, the Standing Committee shall have power to call such Convention. Provided, always, that no business shall be done at any special Convention, other than is specified in the notice calling such Convention.

**ARTICLE III.**

The Convention shall be composed of Clergymen and Laymen.

The Bishop and the Assistant Bishop, when there is one, shall

have a seat and a vote in the Convention. Every other Clergyman of the Church, of whatever order, being a settled Minister, or regularly officiating in some Parish within this Diocese, or being a President, Professor, Tutor, or Instructor in some College or Seminary of learning, and performing clerical functions, or being a Missionary under the direction of the Ecclesiastical authority of this Diocese, or a Chaplain in the Army or Navy of the United States, or in any benevolent or other public institution, shall be entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention, if he have been actually as well as canonically resident within this Diocese for the space of six calendar months next before the meeting of the Convention; and has, for the same period, been employed in performing the duties of his station, or have been canonically instituted. Provided, however, that no Clergyman, otherwise entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention, shall, by reason of advanced years, or infirm health, or temporary absence, be divested of such privilege.

Every Parish in this Diocese, in union with this Convention, shall be entitled to send to the Convention a lay delegate or delegates, not exceeding three; a certificate of whose appointment, signed by the Wardens or Parish Clerk, shall, before his or their admission to a seat, be laid before the Convention. Provided, that no person shall be competent to serve as a lay delegate unless he be a stated worshipper in the Parish which he represents. The delegation from each Parish shall be entitled on a division by orders, to but one vote.

#### ARTICLE IV.

New Parishes may be admitted into union with this Convention, on motion, by a majority of votes, provided they shall have laid before the Convention written evidence, subscribed by the Wardens and Vestry, that they have been duly organized for the space of one year, and during that time have held regular public services, and accede to the Constitution and Canons of the Church.

ARTICLE V.

The Bishop of this Diocese shall preside in the Convention. But in case of vacancy, or necessary absence, the members shall elect a president from among the Clergy.

ARTICLE VI.

A Secretary shall be chosen upon the assembling of the Annual Convention, from among the members thereof, who shall remain in office until the meeting of the next Convention.

ARTICLE VII.

The members of the Convention, present on due notification, and duly organized, shall constitute a quorum to transact the ordinary business of the Convention. The clergy and lay delegates shall deliberate as one body, and vote as such, except when a division is called for by three clerical members, or by the lay delegations from three parishes represented in the Convention; in which case a concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to carry any measure. All elections shall be by ballot unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

ARTICLE VIII.

There shall be a Standing Committee, to consist of six members; three clergymen and three laymen. They shall keep regular minutes of their proceedings, and shall report the same annually to the Convention. A majority shall be a quorum.

ARTICLE IX.

This Constitution shall not be subject to alteration in any article, except at the annual meeting of the Convention; nor unless such alteration shall have been proposed and accepted by the Convention for consideration at one annual meeting previous to its adoption.

## C A N O N S .

Canon of 1828,

AMENDED IN THE CONVENTION OF 1849.

*Respecting Contingent Expenses.*

It shall be the duty of every parish in this State, after the day of January, 1829, to raise and send to the Treasurer of Convention, to defray the contingent expenses of the Church in this Diocese, a sum of money annually, which shall be as much as *per centum* on the salary of its minister; and those parishes which are destitute of a clergyman, and which are represented by lay delegates in the Convention, shall pay at least five dollars annually or send a certified copy of a vote that they are unable to pay same; and it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to certify in his annual report what parishes have neglected to comply with the requisitions of this Canon. The money thus raised and paid into the treasury of the Convention, shall be subject to appropriation by a majority of the votes of the Standing Committee, or of a committee as shall be appointed by the Convention; and the following appropriations shall always be deemed proper, namely: to pay the travelling expenses of the Bishop of this Convention; to pay the travelling expenses of such clerical members of the Convention as cannot afford to pay the same, not exceeding five dollars to any clergyman in one year; to pay the travelling expenses of the clerical delegates to the General Triennial Convention, not exceeding twenty-five dollars to each clerical delegate; to pay to the delegates of the Church in this Diocese to the General Convention, such sums as shall enable them to meet the quota assessed on the several Churches in this Diocese by the General Convention, for the contingent expenses thereof; and to pay for publishing the Journals of this Convention, and such other publications as shall be published by order of this Convention; and every parish shall be entitled to five copies, at least, of every publication printed by order of the Convention.

But no clergyman shall be entitled to any appropriation from the Contingent Fund, unless the parish of which he is the minister shall have paid its annual quota of *one per centum*, or send a certified copy of a vote that it is unable to pay the same. Neither shall any parish, thus neglecting to comply with the requisitions of the Canon, receive more than five copies of the Journal.

### Canon of 1844.

#### *Respecting the increase of the Episcopal Fund.*

In every parish in this Diocese, a collection shall be annually made on Trinity Sunday, and paid over to the Treasurer of the Trustees of Donations of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese, to be added to the permanent fund for the support of the Bishop of this Diocese; and the said Treasurer shall report annually to this Convention, the amount by him received from each parish.

### Canons of 1846,

AMENDED IN THE CONVENTION OF 1852.

#### I.

*Of proceedings in the case of a Minister, not being a Bishop, accused by public rumor or otherwise of offences for which he may be tried.*

SECT. 1. The mode of presentment and trial of a Minister, for any offence for which, by the laws of the General Convention or of this Diocese, he is or may be liable to be tried, shall be as follows :

Information of his offence shall first be given in writing to the Standing Committee, which information, any member of this

within thirty days after such service, select five of them, and notify their names in writing to the Bishop ; and if he shall not give such notification to the Bishop within said thirty days, the Bishop shall then select five, and the Presbyters so selected shall form an Ecclesiastical Court for the trial of the accused.

**SECT. 2.** The Court, thus constituted, shall meet at such time and place within the Diocese, as the Bishop shall direct, and shall have power to adjourn from time to time, and from place to place, within the Diocese, as they shall deem necessary ; and the Bishop shall cause a written notice of the time and place of the first meeting of the said Court to be served at least thirty days before the time of meeting, on the accused, and also on the Secretary of the Standing Committee.

**SECT. 3.** If, at the time appointed for the first meeting of the said Court, the whole number of five shall not attend, those who do attend, may adjourn from time to time ; or being not less than three in number, they shall have the right to proceed, in case they shall see fit, to a hearing and trial of the case ; and their decision, if unanimous, shall be as binding as if the whole Court had been present ; but in case their decision shall not be unanimous, the Bishop shall, at the request of the accused, or of the Standing Committee, order a new trial.

**SECT. 4.** If a clergyman presented shall confess the truth of the facts alleged in the presentment, the Court shall, in writing, certify the same to the Bishop, and state their opinion as to the sentence that ought to be pronounced ; and it shall be the duty of the Bishop to proceed to pass sentence, in the manner hereinafter provided. And if a clergyman presented as aforesaid, after having had due notice, shall fail or neglect to appear before the Court of Presbyters appointed for his trial, unless prevented by sickness or other sufficient cause, he shall be suspended from the exercise of his clerical functions for the term of six months ; and if during that period, he shall not apply for a trial, he shall then be degraded from the ministry.


**SECT. 5.** When the Court proceed to the trial, they shall hear such competent evidence as shall be produced, which evidence



shall be reduced to writing, and signed by the witnesses respectively; and some officer authorized by law to administer oath may, at the desire of either party, be requested to administer oath or affirmation to the witnesses. If, on or during the trial, accused shall confess the truth of the charges as stated in presentment, the Court may dispense with hearing further evidence, and may proceed at once to state their opinion to the Bishop as to the sentence that ought to be pronounced.

SECT. 6. Upon the application of either party to the Bishop and it being made satisfactorily to appear to him, that any material witnesses cannot be procured upon the trial, the Bishop may appoint a Commissary to take the testimony of such witnesses. Such Commissary may be either a clergyman or a layman, and the party so applying, shall give to the other at least six days notice of the time and place of taking the testimony. And if a person on whom the notice shall be served, shall reside more than forty miles from the place of examination, an additional day's notice shall be given for every additional twenty miles of the distance. And both parties may attend and examine the witness, and the questions and answers shall be reduced to writing and signed by the witness, and shall be certified by the Commissary and enclosed under his seal, and transmitted to the Court, and shall be received by them as evidence. A witness examined before such Commissary may be sworn or affirmed in manner aforesaid.

SECT. 7. The Court, having deliberately considered the evidence, shall declare in a writing signed by them, or a majority of them, their decision on the charges contained in the presentment distinctly stating whether the accused is guilty or not guilty of such charges respectively, and also stating the sentence which in their opinion, should be pronounced; and a copy of such decision shall be, without delay, communicated to the accused, and the original decision, together with the evidence, shall be delivered to the Bishop, who shall pronounce such canonical sentence as shall appear to him to be proper, provided the same shall not exceed in severity the sentence recommended by



Court; and such sentence shall be final. Before pronouncing any sentence, the Bishop shall summon the accused, and any three or more Presbyters of the Diocese, to meet him at such time as may in his opinion be most convenient, in some church to be designated by him, which shall for that purpose be open at the time to all persons who may choose to attend; and the sentence shall then and there be publicly pronounced by the Bishop. But the Bishop, if he shall be satisfied that justice requires it, may grant a new trial to the accused, in which case a new Court of Presbyters shall be appointed, the proceedings before whom shall be conducted as before mentioned.

SECT. 8. All citations and notices contemplated in this Canon shall be signed by the Bishop, and may be served by a summoner or summoners, to be appointed for the purpose by the Bishop, and whose certificate of such service shall be evidence thereof. In case of service by any other person, the fact shall be proved by the affidavit of such person. A written citation or notice delivered to a party, or left at his last place of residence, shall be deemed a sufficient service of such citation or notice.

SECT. 9. Advocates or Proctors shall be allowed on both sides, at the pleasure of the parties, provided they are clergymen canonically resident in the Diocese, or laymen who have been communicants of some parish of the same, at least two years before the time of trial.

### **Canon of 1846.**

#### *Of Communicants.*

Whenever the Bishop shall institute an inquiry on the subject of repelling a person from the Holy Communion, according to the rubrics and the canons of the General Convention, he shall summon a council of two presbyters and two laymen, of which he shall be president, to decide upon the case.

Canon of 1859,

AMENDED IN THE CONVENTION OF 1860.

*Of the Missionary Organization of the Diocese.*

SECTION 1. Each of the four District Associations of this Diocese shall, at its first meeting after Easter, elect three clerical<sup>1</sup> delegates, who shall represent it in the Board of Missions.

SECT. 2. Every Parish in this Diocese, having, within the year preceding, contributed at least fifty dollars to the funds of the Board, shall be entitled to one lay representative in the same.

SECT. 3. The term of service of the Delegates shall commence at the close of the Annual Convention.

SECT. 4. Parochial and lay delegates shall be chosen annually at parish meetings, or by the Wardens and Vestry, and shall continue in office until others are chosen in their places, or until the Parish has forfeited the right of representation in the Board, by a non-compliance with the conditions of this Canon.

SECT. 5. The persons so chosen, with the Bishop of the Diocese, who shall be *ex officio*, a member, and, when present, the presiding officer, shall constitute the Board of Missions, which shall have full charge and control of all monies contributed to its funds, except in so far as they may be limited by donors of funds for special purposes. The members present at any stated or duly notified meeting shall be a quorum.

SECT. 6. Stated meetings of the Board shall be held at least once in two months.

SECT. 7. One or more missionaries at large shall be appointed by the Board, whose duty it shall be to visit, explore and officiate under its direction.

## EXTRACT FROM THE

## Canon of the General Convention of 1853.

*Of the mode of securing an accurate view of the state of the Church, from time to time.*

SECTION 1. As a full and accurate view of the state of the Church, from time to time, is highly useful and necessary, it is hereby ordered that every Minister of this Church, or, if the Parish be vacant, the Wardens, shall present, or cause to be delivered, on or before the first day of every annual Convention, to the Bishop of the Diocese, or, where there is no Bishop, to the President of the Convention, a statement of the number of baptisms, confirmations, marriages, and funerals, and of the number of communicants in his Parish or Church, also, the state and condition of the Sunday Schools in his Parish, also of the amount of the communion alms, the contributions for Missions, diocesan, domestic, and foreign, for parochial schools, for Church purposes in general, and of all other matters that may throw light on the state of the same. And every other Clergyman, not regularly settled in any Parish or Church, shall also report the occasional services he may have performed; and, if he have performed no such services, the causes or reasons which have prevented the same. And these reports, or such parts of them as the Bishop shall think fit, may be read in the Convention, and shall be entered on the journals thereof.

A STANDING ORDER OF BUSINESS, AND RULES OF ORDER, OF  
THE CONVENTION OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN  
THE DIOCESE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

STANDING ORDER OF BUSINESS.

*For the First Day of the Session.*

A. M.

After Morning Prayer, Sermon, or Charge, and the administration of the Holy Communion, the President will take the chair, when the order of procedure shall be as follows :

I. 1. The Secretary shall call over the names of the Clergy entitled to seats and votes, and of those entitled only to seats, from a list presented by the Bishop, and shall receive the certificates of Lay Delegates, as the names of the Parishes are called.

2. The President will appoint a Committee on Qualifications, to receive, examine, and report upon the list of the Clergy and the credentials of the Lay Delegates ; after which a recess may be taken.

P. M.

II. 1. The Committee on Qualifications shall report.

2. The Secretary shall call the names of the Clergy and of the Lay Delegates, as the same shall have been approved by the Convention.

3. A constitutional quorum of both Orders being present, the President shall declare the Convention organized for business.

4. The election of a Secretary, (who shall have power to appoint an Assistant,) and of a Treasurer.

5. The reading of the Rules of Order of the last Convention.

6. The appointment by the President of five Standing Committees, viz. : a Committee on the admission of new Parishes ; a Committee on the Constitution and Canons,—to consist each of five members, three Clergymen and two Laymen ; an Executive Committee, for nominating the Preachers of Sermons before this body, and for recommending the time and place of holding the

V. **Miscellaneous Business**, such as proposed changes in the Constitution and Canons, matters to be referred to Special or other Committees, Resolutions, &c.

*For the Second Day of the Session.*

After Devotional Exercises, at 9 A. M.,

I. 1. Reading and approval of the minutes of the previous day.

2. Report from the Committee on Qualifications, of members not present nor reported on the preceding day; the names of such Clergymen and the Credentials of such Lay Delegates having been previously handed to the Secretary, and by him referred to said Committee.

3. The calling of the Roll of members.

II. The finishing of the business, if any, which was under consideration at the time of the adjournment of the Convention.

III. The disposal of the unfinished business in the order above prescribed for the first day.

IV. **Miscellaneous Business.**

V. Elections at 11 o'clock, A. M., in the following order :

1. Election of Deputies to the General Convention.

2. Election of Registrar.

3. Election of Standing Committee.

4. Election of Trustees (nominated) of the General Theological Seminary.

5. Election of Board of Missions to Seamen.

6. Election of Committee on the Increase of the Episcopal Fund.

7. Election of Committee on entertaining the Clerical members of the Convention.

VI. 1. Report of the Committee on the Constitution and Canons, and action thereon.

2. Reports of Special or other Committees on matters referred to them during the Session, and action thereon.

VII. **Miscellaneous Business.**

**RULE III.** No motion shall be considered as before the Convention, unless seconded by a member not belonging to the same Parish with the mover; and every motion shall, if required, be reduced to writing, and the name of the mover appended.

**RULE IV.** When the report of a Committee is presented, it shall be read and entered on the minutes, unless otherwise determined by the house; and, if accompanied by resolutions, the question shall be on adopting them.

**RULE V.** When a question is before the Convention, it shall be in order—1, To lay on the table; 2, To postpone to a day certain; 3, To commit; 4, To amend; 5, To divide; 6, To postpone indefinitely; and motions for any of these proceedings shall have precedence in the order in which they are here named; and a question on any of these proceedings shall be decided before the original motion.

**RULE VI.** An address or communication from the Bishop shall be in order at any time.

**RULE VII.** A motion to lay upon the table shall be decided without debate.

**RULE VIII.** A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, when no member is speaking, and, if unqualified, shall be decided without debate.

**RULE IX.** When votes or Elections by orders are called for (by three Clerical members or by the lay delegations from three Parishes,) each Clergyman and each Parish shall be entitled to one vote, and there must be a concurrence of the majority of both orders voting, and the yeas and nays, when taken, shall be entered on the minutes.

**RULE X.** At the request of the President, or on motion, the Convention may resolve itself into a committee of the whole.

**RULE XI.** All elections, when required by two members, shall be by ballot.

**RULE XII.** On all questions of order, the President shall decide, subject to an appeal to the house.

**RULE XIII.** All amendments shall be considered in the order in which they are moved. When a proposed amendment is under

consideration, a motion to amend the same may be made; and after amendment to such second amendment shall be in order but a substitute for such second amendment, or a substitute for the whole matter, may be received. No proposition on a subject different from that under consideration shall be received under color of a substitute.

**RULE XIV.** The mover may withdraw a motion or resolution at any time before decision or amendment, with the consent of the Convention, in which case it shall not be entered on the minutes.

**RULE XV.** A question being decided, shall not be reconsidered during the same session, without the consent of two-thirds of the members present, nor unless the motion to reconsider be made and seconded by members who voted in the majority on the original decision.

**RULE XVI.** When the Convention is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the President leaves his chair.

**RULE XVII.** In elections by ballot, the polls shall be closed when the Tellers, or Committee appointed to count the ballots, withdraw from the room in which the Convention is held; and no clerical or lay member shall be allowed to vote after that time, except by direct permission of the Convention, on the application, in form, of each member desiring so to vote; and the reasons of his not having previously voted shall be stated by him to the Convention, before his application is entertained.

**RULE XVIII.** None of the Rules of Order shall be suspended without the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

**RULE XIX.** The foregoing Rules of Order shall be read at the opening of every Convention, and shall be of force, unless repealed by a vote of the Convention.



LIST OF THE CLERGY  
OF THE  
**Diocese of Massachusetts.**

MAY, A. D. 1865.

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- The Right Rev. MANTON EASTBURN, D.D., Bishop  
of the Diocese, and Rector of Trinity Church, Boston.
- The Rev. HENRY ADAMS.
- The Rev. HENRY W. ADAMS, residing in New York.
- The Rev. HENRY FREEMAN ALLEN, Rector of St. Paul's,  
Stockbridge.
- The Rev. NATHANIEL G. ALLEN, Rector of Trinity Church,  
Wrentham.
- The Rev. BENJAMIN B. BABBITT, Rector of Christ Church,  
Andover.
- The Rev. SAMUEL B. BABCOCK, Rector of St. Paul's,  
Dedham, and Treasurer of the Convention.
- The Rev. WILLIAM R. BABCOCK, Rector of St. John's,  
Jamaica Plain.
- The Rev. WILLIAM S. BARTLET, residing in Chelsea.
- The Rev. ALFRED L. BAURY, Rector of St. Paul's, Hop-  
kinton, and Trinity Church, Bridgewater, residing in  
Boston.
- The Rev. HENRY H. BEAN.
- The Rev. JAMES A. BOLLES, D.D., Rector of the Church  
of the Advent, Boston.

- The Rev. GORDON M. BRADLEY, Rector of St. Stephen's, Lynn.
- The Rev. WILLIAM H. BROOKS, D.D., Rector of Christ Church, Plymouth.
- The Rev. JOHN T. BURRILL, Rector of Christ Church, Boston, and Chaplain of Diocesan Board of Missions for Seamen.
- The Rev. CHARLES BURROUGHS, D.D.
- The Rev. HENRY BURROUGHS, Rector of Christ Church, Quincy.
- The Rev. C. INGLES CHAPIN, Rector of Grace Church, Malden.
- The Rev. GEORGE T. CHAPMAN, D.D., residing in Newburyport.
- The Rev. EDWIN B. CHASE, Rector of St. Michael's, Marblehead.
- The Rev. MOSES B. CHASE, Chaplain in the United States' Navy, Navy Yard, Charlestown.
- The Rev. ROBERT F. CHASE, Rector of Calvary Church, Danvers.
- The Rev. FRANCIS E. R. CHUBBUCK, Post Chaplain in New Orleans.
- The Rev. JOSEPH H. CLINCH, Chaplain of the City Institutions, South Boston, and Secretary of the Convention.
- The Rev. WILLIAM B. COLBURN, assisting the Rector of St. John's, East Boston.
- The Rev. GEORGE S. CONVERSE, Rector of St. James's, Roxbury.
- The Rev. BENJAMIN F. COOLEY, Rector of the Church of the Redeemer, Holliston.
- The Rev. JAMES I. T. COOLIDGE, Rector of St. Matthew's, South Boston.
- The Rev. ANDREW CROSWELL, officiating at North Cambridge.

- The Rev. SAMUEL CUTLER, Rector of St. Andrew's, Hanover.
- The Rev. GEORGE DENHAM.
- The Rev. EDWARD DEZENG.
- The Rev. WILLIAM D'ORVILLE DOTY, Deacon, assistant to the Rector of St. Paul's, Boston.
- The Rev. ORMOND H. DUTTON, Rector of St. Paul's, Holyoke.
- The Rev. THEODORE EDSON, D.D., Rector of St. Anne's, Lowell.
- The Rev. D. G. ESTES, D.D., Rector of St. James's, Amesbury.
- The Rev. THOMAS F. FALES, Rector of Christ Church, Waltham.
- The Rev. JUSTIN FIELD, Rector of Trinity Church, Lenox.
- The Rev. P. VOORHEES FINCH, Rector of St. James's, Greenfield.
- The Rev. FRANCIS A. FOXCROFT, residing in Cambridge.
- The Rev. FREDERICK FREEMAN, residing in Sandwich.
- The Rev. LEWIS GREEN, Rector of St. John's, Ashfield.
- The Rev. J. S. COPLEY GREENE, Corresponding Secretary of the Massachusetts Church Missionary Society, and assisting the Rector of St. Paul's, Brookline.
- The Rev. EDWARD H. HARLOW, Rector of Emmanuel Church, Somerville.
- The Rev. DAVID G. HASKINS, Rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Brighton.
- The Rev. WILLIAM G. HAWKINS, residing in Worcester.
- The Rev. SAMUEL H. HILLIARD.
- The Rev. WILLIAM A. HOLBROOK, assisting the Rector of Emmanuel Church, Boston.
- The Rev. CHARLES W. HOMER.
- The Rev. NICHOLAS HOPPIN, D.D., Rector of Christ Church, Cambridge.

- The Rev. GEORGE HOWELL, officiating in Christ Church, Waltham.
- The Rev. FREDERICK D. HUNTINGTON, D.D., Rector of Emmanuel Church, Boston.
- The Rev. WILLIAM R. HUNTINGTON, Rector of All Saints' Worcester.
- The Rev. WILLIAM A. JENKS.
- The Rev. GEORGE G. JONES, Rector of Trinity Church, Milford.
- The Rev. HENRY L. JONES, Rector of Christ Church, Fitchburg.
- The Rev. JOSEPH KIDDER, Rector of St. Mary's, Newton Lower Falls.
- The Rev. CYRUS F. KNIGHT, Rector of St. Mark's, Boston.
- The Rev. THOMAS R. LAMBERT, D.D., Rector of St. John's, Charlestown.
- The Rev. CHARLES H. LEAROYD, Rector of Grace Church, Medford.
- The Rev. W. F. LHOYD, Rector of Grace Church, Oxford.
- The Rev. GEORGE L. LOCKE, officiating at Trinity Church, Boston.
- The Rev. ANDREW MACKIE, Rector of the Church of the Atonement, Westfield.
- The Rev. HENRY MCCLORY, Rector of St. John's, East Boston.
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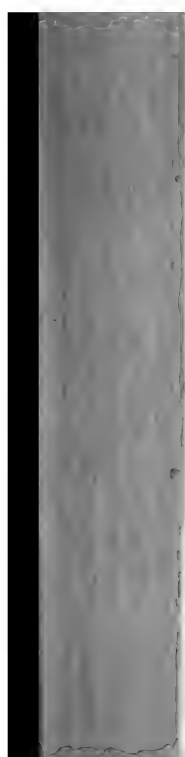
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## Form of Parochial Report,

AS ADOPTED BY THE CONVENTION OF 1840, AND AMENDED BY THE CONVENTION OF 1858 & 1861.

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***The Rev.***

**Rector.**

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N. B. It is expected that the clergyman will make such observations as to give a comprehensive view of the state of his parish and of his ministerial services during the past year.

## Notice.

The Seventy-sixth Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Massachusetts, will be holden in Trinity Church, Boston, on the first Wednesday (the 2nd day) of May, 1866, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

JOSEPH H. CLINCH,

*Secretary of the Convention.*

*South Boston, May, 1865.*

### Form of Certificate for Lay Delegates.

(Authorized by vote of Convention of 1849.)

[Name of Town] ——— A. D. 18—.

This is to certify, that at a regular meeting of the Parish of ——— Church, ———, held on the ——— day of ——— 18— the following persons, viz :

Messrs. ——— ———,  
——— ———,  
——— ———,

were duly elected lay delegates to represent this Parish in the next Diocesan Convention, to be held in ——— Church, in ———, on the ——— day of ———, A. D. 18—, and that they are stated worshippers in this Parish.

——— ———,  
*Parish Clerk.*











